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THE Annual *Union Meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies*, in connection with General Assembly, will be held in the Second Presbyterian Church, Saratoga, N. Y., Monday, May 25, at 2 P.M. All in attendance may avail themselves of the same reduction rates on Grand Trunk lines that are granted to Assembly delegates. Information in regard to boarding places may be had from Miss Isabelle Terrett, Temple Grove, Saratoga.

Missionaries who are expecting to be in Saratoga are requested to send their names to Miss Emily A. Darling, Auburn, N. Y., at the earliest moment.

REPORTS from Annual Meetings of several Woman's Boards and Societies will be in order next month.

THE International Missionary Union holds its thirteenth Annual Meeting at Clifton Springs, June 10-17. Foreign missionaries are welcomed as members of the Union and entertained free of cost during the sessions.

AMONG the maps to be had from the LIBRARY is a beautiful one of Siam. See advertisement.

OUR eyes at the Mission Rooms are turned with perhaps more inquiry; for the moment, towards Mosul than any other place. At the close of February, the little band there were aware of closer surveillance than ever upon their movements. The Vali forbade their building a shed and refused Mr. McDowell permission to go to the mountains. The heat of summer approaches, when it is necessary to leave Mosul. If the government determines to expel missionaries from Turkey, Mosul is the first place in *our* field to be affected.

UNUSUAL encouragements appear, just at this time, in the Mosul field. Miss Reinhart has nine women under special instruction to be received into the city church, and there are such indications of wider movements as cannot be ignored.

REPORTED from Africa, that the "New Woman" has reached Efulen—Mrs. Johnston, and welcome she was. She walked two-thirds of the way from the beach.

THE start has been made to found the long-planned second Station in Buleland. In January, Messrs. McCleary and Kerr went forward with such carriers as were to be had, and Mr. Fraser followed with the rest of the loads on February 10. They expect to get mail at Ebolowo'e once in two or three months. This is pioneering.

"OF fifteen hundred patients I have seen in the past three months," writes Dr. Wells, Pyeng Yang, Korea, "nearly half were women and children, and scores of families could have had the Gospel brought nearer to them, had a woman interested in women been here."

WANTED—A colleague for Dr. Wachter at Ratburee, Siam, and a physician for Laos, in addition to the men and women needed for prospective new stations.

CHIENG HAI was long ago elected as suitable for a station in North Laos and the lamented Stanley Phraner had expected to occupy that centre. Dr. McGilvary, Dr. Denman and Mr. Dodd were, at last accounts, going up there to choose a site.

AFTER a journey of more than one hundred days from America, Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Curtis brought up at Lakawn, Laos, as at least one missionary has before, on Thanksgiving Day.

WRITING from Tokyo, Mrs. McCauley says there has been scarcely a day this year that they have not had an earthquake shock of greater or less violence; that they often spring to their feet, at breakfast or dinner, and start for the door, and they never retire at night without arranging for an earthquake reception. She thinks this fact accounts for many shattered nerves in Japan.

"Single women of the Mission and wives of missionaries, to whom work has been formally assigned,

shall be entitled to vote in mission meetings on all questions of the Mission," was the Resolution which unanimously passed in the last Siam Mission Meeting.

RECOUNTING touring experiences of last year, in Tabriz field, Persia, Miss Jewett mentions a woman who greeted her with the remark, "You have been here before," and, to prove it, recited a Bible verse which Miss Jewett had taught her eight years previous. At Mianduab, with its "independent, uncultured but kind-hearted and hospitable" folk, the missionary felt "as if I would like to spend the rest of my life among them." Three miles from there, all the women in the village sat on the ground in the open square to be instructed. In two months' time Miss Jewett addressed 700 women, many children and some men.

WHAT a passage in modern history is that of the Zeitun women on guard in their mountain eyrie! When every boy over thirteen years old was away fighting, and two hundred and fifty Turkish soldiers were preparing to break out of their prison and fire the town, these women rose in desperation, killed every man of them and threw them down the cliff. It was in defence of their lives and the lives of their children. See full account in the *Independent* of April 9.

"If," writes Mrs. Finley from Brazil, "home Christians could realize the hunger and need for the Truth, they would be contented with one minister to every five thousand of the church-going population and send the remainder to preach in papal and pagan lands. It requires years of work to teach somewhat a true Christian life is. Brazil has one minister to 137,000 people."

By the last Report of Lodiana Mission, which has arrived since our India number was printed, it appears there were 566 souls received to the visible church last year. There are 19 ordained Native men, 15 licentiate, 23 Bible women; 20 churches and chapel buildings where services are held; ten hospitals and dispensaries in which over 90,000 patients were treated.

THE most active opposition to missionary work, in several districts of the Lodiana field, is created by the Arya Samaj. At Jagraon, the past year, they have closed zenanas; at Saharanpur, they have depleted schools.

FROM Ambala, India, Mr. McComb reports that the Salvation Army, which "we were most anxious to work with when they

came," has attempted to build itself up, out of the Mission, not by converts from heathenism. "Debts were paid, increased salaries were offered. . . . men under discipline (in the Church) were put in charge of important posts (in the Army). Whole villages (of Christians), not in our Mission, have been induced to leave their work and become beggars, thus transforming honest, hard-working Christians into wandering vagabonds." Mr. McComb observes that this influence has wholesomely sifted Ambala Church and carried off "the very men we could best spare."

IN different parts of India, the Salvation Army has taken the same course as at Ambala. The *Bombay Guardian* (not a mission paper), of Feb. 29, devotes a whole page to the course which the Army has pursued, from the time their first barrack was located in Ranipur, a Christian village of the Irish Presbyterian Mission, in Gujerat. The Commissioner is charged with exaggerating, and of permitting a whole corps to stand *on paper* in cases where there is not a soldier in reality. The editor of the *Guardian* says: "We are convinced that a seeming fabric of Army success has been built up upon exaggeration." This Commissioner is Mr. Booth-Tucker who, in the short time since he arrived in America, has cast contempt upon the work of missionaries in India.

Two or three Eskimoes connected with the Moravian Mission in Labrador, persisted against the advice of the missionaries in joining the ethnological exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago. One, "Zecharias of Hebron," had already been an element of discontent and there was apprehension regarding his influence should he return with big stories of America and wages that would make him rich in the eyes of his neighbors. We learn from *Periodical Accounts* that the reverse was the case. "Zecharias had to learn the lessons of adversity instead of being made proud by prosperity." Among his first words to the missionary, after his return, were: "We are glad to be once more at liberty and not continually looked at as if we were animals. I am a different man. Trouble has taught me to pray."

"DO NOT mention the White City, or Chicago, at Ain Zehalteh," says Rev. Wm. Bird of Syria, "for the place has not yet recovered from the explosion of their Exposition bubble. It was intoxication, disappointment, disgust."

OUR MISSIONARIES IN SIAM AND LAOS.

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Letters for Laos should be addressed *via* Burma and Raheng and *not* "Siam,"

Miss Elsie Bates,	Eangkok, Siam.	Mrs. W. G. McClure, Petchaburee, Siam.	Mrs. L. W. Curtis,	Lakawn, Laos.
Miss Edna S. Cole,	"	Mrs. E. Wachter, Ratburee, "	Miss Kate Fleeson,	"
Miss Larissa J. Cooper,	"	Mrs. Howard Campbell, Chieng Mai, Laos.	Miss Julia Hatch,	"
Mrs. A. W. Cooper,	"	Mrs. D. G. Collins, "	Miss Cornelia McGilvary,	"
Mrs. E. P. Dunlap,	"	Mrs. Chas. Denman, "	Mrs. Hugh Taylor,	"
Mrs. J. B. Dunlap,	"	Mrs. W. C. Dodd, "	Mrs. J. S. Thomas,	"
Mrs. J. A. Eakin,	"	Miss Harriet E. Ghormley, "	Miss Margaret Wilson,	"
Mrs. F. L. Snyder,	"	Miss Isabelle A. Griffin, "	Mrs. W. A. Briggs,	Praa, "
Mrs. Walter B. Toy,	"	Mrs. Daniel McGilvary, "	Mrs. W. F. Shields,	"
Mrs. Chas. E. Eckels, Petchaburee,	"	Miss M. A. McGilvary, "	Dr. Mary A. Bowman,	Nan, "
Miss Annabel Galt,	"	Mrs. J. W. McKean, "	Mrs. S. C. Peoples,	"
Miss Emma Hitchcock,	"			

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SIAM AND BOUNDARY LINES.

ARTICLES of agreement between England and France "concerning the affairs of Siam" were signed January 15, 1896. By virtue of political power alone, acquired in the course of years of aggression, two nations have been able to dictate to Siam what her boundary lines shall be.

Briefly, the steps by which England has come to this position of dictator are as follows:

1824-'26. First Burmese War, by which was secured commerce of the Eastern side of Bay of Bengal.

1852. Conquest of Lower Burma.

1855. Commercial treaty concluded with Siam.

1886. Annexation of Upper Burma.

1893. Assumed the position of protector against France.

1896. Partition of Siam.

France also, gradually, attained her place as dictator.

1857. A Spanish priest was executed in Tonkin. This gave excuse to French troops to step in and annex three provinces of Saigon.

1862. All Cochin China was annexed.

1882. Treaty with Annam.

1883-1893. Added Tonkin and Cambodia.

1893. Threatened Bangkok.

1896. Partition of Siam.

Every political excuse has been taken advantage of for moving French troops, and after every fight the French government has extended a "protectorate" over a fresh piece of territory. In twenty-four years she has annexed two hundred thousand square miles and twenty millions of people to her Indo-China Empire.

Siamese troops have offered local resistance to their aggressive neighbors, but, for many years at least, the Siamese government has depended for defence upon diplomacy—

Oriental diplomacy, which is ever putting off, never giving a direct answer, never grappling with the disagreeable duty.

England and France have jealously watched one another's movements and from time to time had diplomatic passages regarding Farther India. In 1889 the French desired a Siamese State reaching to the Chinese border in the North, as a buffer between its own Tonkin and Burma, which had become English. The French Ambassador made certain proposals in London. France was modest; she did not want "the earth." She did not claim Angkor, did not want Luang Prabang, and would only suggest that her Western boundary line should be the Mekong River until it enters Cambodia in the South. The English Government declined these proposals.

By 1892, the programme was altered. Now, it was Lord Rosebery who proposed a Siamese State in the North, while France was well satisfied to allow her Tonkin to expand westward, covering everything between itself and the English (Burmese) frontier. As for Luang Prabang, it had become a Roman Catholic province; she might as well "protect" it. Nor would she longer refuse Angkor, with its ruins two thousand years old. On the whole, she had made up her mind to take in the sapphires and topazes of Chantaboon as well, a hundred miles to the west of Angkor. France won. The next year she charged the Siamese government with "invading Annam," and suddenly the world heard with surprise that two French gunboats were in Bangkok harbor. Then England came forward in earnest to protect her trade, and Siam was compelled to accept the terms offered by France. The chief conditions of the Treaty are as follows:

The whole east bank of the Mekong River (Cambodia) is ceded to France.

France has the right of navigation of the Mekong, and Siamese troops are not allowed within twenty-five kilometres of the west bank.

The King of Siam pays a large indemnity.

The port and river of Chantaboon are occupied by the French, and a line running from Chantaboon, north, to meet the Mekong, represents the boundary between Siam and French Indo-China.

In the agreement signed last January, England and France mutually promise not to further interfere in Siam, without giving equal advantage, each to the other. Thus the little State, pared down from its former dimensions, lies as in the embrace of death between the two.

There is another Kingdom to which Siam stands in direct relation. It is not of this earth. It sends no exclusive embassy to court and king. Its challenge is to all the people of the land: "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Is it surprising that, with a great Roman Catholic nation thus encroaching on their country from the east and the most powerful Protestant nation in the world encroaching from the west, the King of Siam and his nobility do not come forward promptly to burn their idols and avow themselves subjects of the Head of the Christian Church? Might not the affable King Chulalongkorn naturally say: "I have reigned about twenty-seven years and never stole any man's land, and if, in the hundred and fourteen years of my dynasty, our kings were sometimes unscrupulous, none of them were robbers like unto you, oh, Christian Powers! No; we see in your example no inducement to follow your Christ. We will worship Guatama whom, for six centuries

by our records, the White Umbrella has served.' If, still, some ardent missionary should press upon His Majesty the Word of the Living God, he might easily reply: 'Unfortunately I have no freedom to act as a man, or separate from my throne. I am part of a system. My royal word is pledged to uphold the Buddhist faith.'

Nevertheless, the Kingdom of our Lord is set up in the midst of the gilded temples, with their rows upon rows of graven images, in Siam. No man can tell the boundary lines of this kingdom. It encloses many unknown loyal subjects, like that solitary Christian found near Raheng last autumn;—like that one down in Trang Province two years ago, who had been praying seven years for missionaries to come.

This Kingdom of Christ is supreme. Wherever it puts its foot, the idols of the heathen go down before it. The images of Siam are doomed. But Siam is not doomed. Ambassadors of the Cross have carried a message to Siam. It is not of dispossession and delimitation of territory, but of goodwill from their King, and all for the lifting up and the happiness and the glory of Siam.

Siam is a country peculiarly threaded with water ways. In the specifications of the recent Treaty, one river after another is enumerated and "estuaries of these rivers." Let our missionary brethren, few and human as they are, work on patiently, proclaiming the Divine message, and all of us, with them, exercise unrestricted faith in the Divine Leader, and final enlargement and security shall come to the people of Siam. "For there the glorious Lord will be to them a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no [predatory] galley with oars, neither shall gallant [or envious] ship pass thereby."

THE WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR OF PRAA,* LAOS.

THIS is a very good likeness of the Governor's wife, "Mother-Prince-Big." She is the most industrious woman I have ever seen in Laos. Here she is, embroidering covers for pillows. Her little daughter is sitting, out of focus, on her right. A tin cash-box for holding her stock of silks lies on her left. A pile of finished work is behind her and the silver bowls for betel-nut are in front. She sits there by the hour, working away, an example in this respect to the thriftless, untidy, careless women of this country.

This reminds me of the scheme of Miss

Fleeson in Lakawn. Without the addition of any expense (practically), an industrial idea has been added to the Lakawn Girls' School. While the sewing and weaving go on, girls at the same time are obtaining an education and learning of the paradoxical religion—the Faith-Works religion. Pure, lovely, practical Christianity, which was once for all delivered unto the saints, is just what Lao women need. God bless the women of America who are giving it to them.

W. A. Briggs.

* Pron. with flat a, as in mat.



THE LAO GOVERNOR'S WIFE AT HER EMBROIDERY FRAME.

LAO WOMEN.

WHEN we were at home last year we were often asked about the women in Laos.

Could you see them before and after accepting Christ, what a change you would notice! The heathen woman has no hope, as a woman, in the life to come, for their books teach that women can never reach the rest to which devout Buddhists look forward. No; it matters not how faithful she may have been in feeding or clothing the priests, going to the temples on sacred days, or putting her sons into the priesthood; but, if faithful in all this merit-making, she may eventually be born again as a man, and *then*, by living up to all the requirements of their Buddhist books, there is, possibly, a little hope of Nirvana.

Of the Lao people, women are much more faithful in their attendance at the temples than the men. At certain seasons of the year you will see them very early in the morning, either alone or in companies, carrying baskets containing rice, flowers, betel nut for chewing, and cigars for smoking. These offerings are taken to the temples and given to the priests. Often they join the men in merit-making processions to different temples. In

this procession floats are seen, representing various kinds of animals to which are fastened offerings: cigars, matches, pillows, mattresses and yellow robes, all for the priests. The procession is accompanied by the noise of gongs, cymbals and drums and by gayly-dressed men or women dancing, and everybody is laughing and shouting. Should you ask what they hope to gain by all this "merit-making," or who will reward them, they are unable to answer, for their Buddhist religion does not teach the existence of a God who is touched either by their offerings or their faithfulness.

Is it any wonder, then, that after they have accepted Christ as their Saviour they look so much brighter and are so much happier? As one old lady, who had been making merit all her life, said: "Before I heard of Christ there was no hope. My heart was like the blackness of the night, but now it is like the brightness of the sun."

Many of the Christian women walk from five to ten miles in the early Sabbath morning to church, and think it a privilege. The women have their own prayer-meetings. One

of these I had charge of from its start, some six years ago, and in all that time I have not had one woman refuse to lead the meeting when it was her turn, and but one who could not lead in prayer when called upon. So far as I know, the same can be said of other prayer-meetings for women. Not only is the

inward change great but, externally, the change in a Christian Lao woman is just as noticeable. It is at once indicated by her wearing more and cleaner clothing than her heathen sisters.

(Mrs. D. G.) Ada P. Collins.

MAP FACTS.

Siam, from about 500,000 square miles in 1884, has shrunk to probably one-tenth of that area. From

the head of the Gulf to the French boundary, on the North, is perhaps 575 miles.



Bangkok has been the capital of Siam since 1782. The Siamese were driven down from Central China in the tenth century.

The Siamese language is affiliated to all Indo-Chinese tongues. It has been reduced to writing for centuries. The sacred books are written in Cambodian character.

Great Britain controls about 90 per cent. of the ex-

the curious features are a gold tree and a silver tree. They are seven feet high, imitations of the clove tree, with leaves and flower petals of pure gold and silver.

If it is 50° above zero at Chieng Mai, they think it is cold.

Nine provinces on the Malay Peninsula from Kra to Trang inclusive have a population of 114,000 Siamese and 57,000 Chinese.



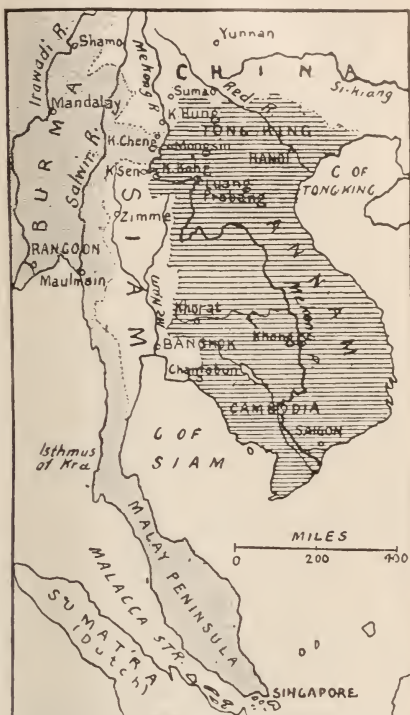
port trade of Siam, and the Siamese are clothed in Manchester cotton.

Rice, teak-wood and pepper are the heaviest items of export. In taking Chantaboon, the French are getting the pepper trade.

One-half of the tin for the markets of the world comes from the Malay Peninsula; coal, iron and gold are also in its mountains.

The word *chieng*, or *kiang*, means city, and Chieng Mai is equivalent to "Newburg."

The Lao people of five States are tributary to Siam. The ruler of the largest State, Chieng Mai, makes a triennial visit to Bangkok carrying tribute, of which



SIAM SINCE THE LAST TREATY.

REGARDING evangelistic labor on the Peninsula, Bangkok Station reports for 1895:

"The longest tour of the year was taken by Rev. E. P. Dunlap, Dr. Toy, Rev. F. L. Snyder and several Siamese helpers, to the west side of Siam, facing on the Bay of Bengal. They traveled more than 4,000 miles; on seven different steamers, numerous sailboats and canoes, on elephants, and on foot.

They labored in six different provinces, and found an open field everywhere. In this tour, they had the joy of baptizing four adults and two children—the first fruits of the gospel in Ranong province—and placed some officials and other persons on probation. Distant villages were reached as well as the capital cities.

Dr. Toy treated hundreds of patients and disposed of eight cases of medicines, showing how little prejudice exists against foreign medicines and treatment.

"They disposed of 2,182 portions of

Scripture, Christian books and tracts. The brethren returned from this tour with the conviction that it is our imperative duty to establish permanent work on that side of Siam."

NEWS OF NAN, LAOS.

I. RECAPITULATION.

In December, 1894, the Laos Mission appointed Dr. and Mrs. Peoples and Miss Flee-son, all of Lakawn, to open Nan Station. They started* on elephants, February 12, 1895, and, after a delightful stop with the friends in Muang Praa, —

"Mr. and Mrs. Shields vacated their tiny house of two rooms and gave us home comforts for three days,"

— they started again, on horseback, for six days' further travel to the eastern outpost of the Laos field. —

"Ah, the parting at the edge of the wide rice plain, when Dr. Briggs and Mr. Shields left us—do you realize how we missionaries cling together?"

Two days before reaching Nan, at Ban Mai, a sudden storm in the night chilled the whole party and when they rode into the city, February 26, Mrs. Peoples was alarmingly ill. Continuing so from week to week, it became necessary to have her removed, and at sunset, on April 5, she was carried down to the riverside, laid into a canoe in an unconscious state, and Dr. Peoples, with Dr. Briggs the attending physician, prepared to shoot the rapids of Nan River, about two hundred of them, between Nan and Ta It.

Miss Flee-son returned† to Lakawn, Mrs. Peoples went to California, Dr. Peoples saw his wife to Hong Kong, spent a month substituting in Lakawn and was back at Nan in September. Now a site was wanted for the mission compound.

II. GATHERED FROM STATION REPORT.

Phra Prohm Surinde, the Siamese Commissioner, had shown "innumerable kindnesses" to the missionary party in the spring. He gave up his house to them "as a retreat from the insufferable heat and took infinite pains that his official force should conduct their business in such a manner as not to disturb the sick one." The same gentleman lent his kind offices in securing a desirable location in Nan. It lies on the river bank, east of the north corner of the city wall. The cost was Rs. 865 (about \$200). A native house was used as temporary residence, and, to quote the Report: "The heart of the solitary

worker was rejoiced by the arrival of the Rev. J. H. Freeman, on November 12.

"Daily and Sabbath services have been held and the people have welcomed foreign medicines. We are happy to report three substantial men added to the church roll. One other noble character belongs to our company, but he was transferred to the multitude innumerable before his name was enrolled with the visible church."

III. TWO INCIDENTS WHICH DID NOT GET INTO THE REPORT.

The first communion service in Nan was held with a *little* company of Christians, "but those in whom we feel sincere confidence." The native house was crowded with household goods, medicines, tools, and, in the tiny, clear space called a dining-room, services were held. While singing the hymn just before communion, Dr. Missionary suddenly remembered that, in the absence of ever watchful Mrs. Missionary, the bread had not been prepared. So at the end of the first stanza he told Wan Dee, the little maid who had been trained at Lakawn, and straightway she went on her hands and knees, Lao style, through the group of men to the bread box. By the end of the sixth stanza she had everything ready!

The missionary was in a *sala* one day's journey from Nan, in September last. The rain poured in torrents, elephants had waded in water up to their bells, horses constantly disappeared, all but their heads, in some mud hole, the man leading them went in up to his own neck. Elephants' backs became chafed and it had been necessary to walk; but shoes were impossible and numerous huge leeches bit with such ferocity that Dr. Peoples and the men with him made bloody tracks all the way.

IV. TWO POSTSCRIPTS WRITTEN BY MRS. PEOPLES.

Oakland, Cal., December 18.—All things work together for good to them that love the Lord. We worked and waited and loved, and He brought it to pass. Praise our God for Dr. Mary Bowman. (Appointed missionary.—ED.) And now, with an added

* See WOMAN'S WORK, May, 1895. † See Jan., 1896.

wealth of love from new friends on this Pacific Coast, with restored energies of body and mind and in closer union with my Heavenly Father, I go forth to the city of Nan once more. A now translated saint wrote in a book for me, as I went from Chicago in 1882, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing."—Yes, *come again to Nan*. Heaven touches earth there for me. We shall sail through the Golden Gate at sunset on the thirty-first. Think of us with our faces uplifted towards the golden glory of God's

sunshine, and with songs of rejoicing.

Hong Kong, February 5, 1896.—We sail for Bangkok on the eighth and start up the river as soon as possible, to Ta It, thence across on elephants hoping to be at home in Nan by May 1. Dr. Mary Bowman will be with us the first year. The Canton physicians tried hard to keep her there.

Dr. Peoples is worn. A little of my cooking is what he needs, as well as Mr. Freeman and Mr. Irwin, and joyfully shall they have it. Good, pious cooks are much needed on the field; tell the candidates so!

A FAMOUS TEMPLE FESTIVAL AT LAMPANG LUANG, LAOS.

THE next two days would be the last and greatest days of the greatest festival of the year, in the greatest and most noted temple of the land—the temple of the Governor of Lakawn. Mr. Taylor proposed that we spend those two days at the temple teaching. Of course there was added the desire to see and know what was done, and how it was done. We had about two hours to get ready. Although the temple was only about thirteen miles away, preparation for a two days' tour was as much as for two months; so, while I was arranging my hospital and dispensary work to be left with my trusty clerk, and getting ready my medical outfit, Mrs. Thomas and Miss Hatch were busy over the kitchen, dining-room and bed room outfit.

About four P.M. we started down the river in a large boat: Mr. and Mrs. Taylor with the three babies, Miss Hatch, Mrs. Thomas and myself, with a dozen of the best singers among the boys, our Lao minister, several elders and a few other good workers. We had an organ, too. Several went ahead on foot. The water was low and our boat stuck, so, while we had expected to reach Lampang Kang that day, we were obliged to pitch our tents only half way there. It was fun to see those dozen boys jump into the water when the boat would stick, find a deeper channel, lift the boat into it, then, for a frolic, find deep water and dive and swim like ducks. Before the peep of next day, we were all astir and started as soon as light enough to see, arriving at Lampang Kang about 8 A.M. While the ladies were superintending breakfast, Mr. Taylor and I made a shaking-hands visit to the faithful Christians, about twenty in number, at that place. Leaving Mrs. Taylor and babies with the natives at the boat, the four other missionaries started on foot for the temple three

miles away. We had an elevated sidewalk (not railroad) all the way, over rice plains covered with water and a very rank growth of rice to be harvested in another month. The sidewalk is a beauty. Built many years ago, with never a nail driven into it, with planks warped and twisted by many seasons of rain and tropical sun, with the ends flying up as if to hit your head, certainly to stub your toe, while the middle would be teetering and you would be dancing; all this made our walk interesting and exciting, while the sun's hot rays kept our blood warm.

While thus engaged, our thoughts were taking especial shape on our proposed visit. The seriousness of it was becoming more apparent, perhaps brought before us by the dangers in our path. We were going to the largest and most famous temple in the land, to visit which one of the older sons of the king of Siam *walked* from Bangkok, five hundred miles, a few years ago. We were going at a time when excitement runs highest; the only season of the year when the Governor, with princes of the realm, attends this temple in state. It was the great season of merit-making, when princes vie with each other in idolatrous ceremonies. They might not brook interference. We wondered what our reception would be, when we should ask permission to pitch our tents and hold up in their midst the Light of the World, to shine in that awful darkness of heathenism. I must say that Scott's "Marmion" came to my mind: "And dar'st thou then, to beard the lion in his den?" But trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength we pressed on.

In an hour we were there, and to our surprise the Governor said, "Yes; you are welcome. Pitch your tents where you will and teach all the people who will come to you." The last clause was significant. He doubt-

less thought we could get no one to listen to us, while he and the princes were there and so much excitement was going on.

innumerable idols before which priests and people were constantly prostrating themselves. Around and outside these buildings



A LAO TEMPLE.

From photograph taken by Mr. Wetherell of the Bombay Burma Co. The end of his howdah appears at our right; sala on our left.

At this point Mr. Taylor with the men returned to the boat to bring Mrs. Taylor and the camping outfit. While he is gone, let us look around. The first thing was to clear a space for our tents. The prince next in authority to the Governor had twice invited me to pitch them near his house and come in and see him often, but we preferred a more quiet place and selected a spot just outside the temple wall under the grateful shade of two large tamarind trees.

After clearing the place and eating our lunch, we went to the temple. It is built on a high hill which is completely taken in by the temple wall. In the centre is an immense pagoda made of brass. It is about seventy-five feet at its base and runs up, say two hundred feet, terminating in a lofty spire, at the top of which are said to be many precious stones. The entire pagoda is covered with many layers of gold leaf, probably the accumulation of centuries. The Burmese furnish all the leaf. We saw many people going up this pagoda by ladders and putting on this leaf: this was merit-making. Around this huge and beautiful structure are erected many temple buildings, containing

was a complete line of sheds, in which the people could sleep and where they had their waiting offerings. Outside of all was the temple wall. The approaches to the wall on two sides were brick work and solid masonry, made into a long, curved but easy stairway. Outside the wall were houses of the princes, common *salas* of the people, and, on this occasion, our tents.

This day, Friday, had been one of intense activity in preparation of offerings for their

consecration, dedication and distribution. People from all the villages bring them in to their respective princes. Mrs. Thomas and I were visiting the leading prince, when four or five of these villagers came with their offerings. They entered the verandah and prostrated themselves before the prince. He asked the name of each village and pronounced his benediction upon it, its people and their offerings. The villagers again prostrated themselves, face and body to the floor, and retired. The offerings are given and prepared by the common people, and the princes make the "merit."

After supper we had our first meeting. While pitching our tent and getting ready, we had many transient spectators, but when the organ and singing began the crowd came. We held a prolonged meeting. Before it opened Mr. Taylor engaged in conversation with some priests, then with some women who separately gave vent to surprise as the story of the creation, and of the incarnation, life and resurrection of our Lord dawned upon their minds. During the meeting intense interest was manifested, especially in the music. During the short talks and pray-

ers the people would get a little restless, but when the organ and singing would start again they would rush in and crowd upon us. All this time, the elders and others were out talking among the people. After the service many remained to talk and listen until, from weariness and exhaustion, we folded our tents for sleep.

Next morning we were up betimes, but before breakfast we had to put the organ out from the tent and let Miss Hatch draw the people away. By this time we saw that it was curiosity, largely, that brought the people, and the most we could expect to do was to advertise our work and our purpose and to magnify our Saviour.

Saturday forenoon was the climax of the festival. The day before, we had seen the princes prostrate themselves in the dust, as they knelt before the pagoda and received a blessing from the officiating priests. But on this Saturday morning, the princes were in all their gorgeousness, with their huge gold betel boxes (worth \$1,000,) and still more huge cuspidors, and their numerous attendants; while, back of them, were many priests from other temples, their wives and attendants; and, still further back, the whole temple ground was literally filled with people, their heads covered with flowers and their bodies with scarfs of all colors. There were thousands of people. I cannot tell all we saw, but will mention one dedication service, the grandest and best. Others were the same only less grand, according to the rank of the prince.

We were a little late on the ground, and when the Governor saw us coming he invited us to a place near him. He and all the attending princes, with flowers and a lighted candle in their hands, were in the attitude of prayer, while the priests were chanting their incantation and calling on their gods. This part of the ceremony was impressive. The Governor was offering two ponies, ten slaves dressed in white, and many other gifts. After the dedicatory service was over, the horses were first led to touch the pagoda; this was their consecration. They were then led away, the property of the temple. Next the poor slaves were led up to touch the pagoda, and, prostrating themselves before the princes, were in turn led off, worse slaves than before—doomed to a life of service to the temple

and the priests. Lastly came the more common gifts, which in turn also touched the pagoda. Then began a desecrating performance. Men by scores and hundreds would rush in from the crowd, scrambling and grabbing, wild with determination to get something. Later on, it was heathenish to see the little children grab pieces of cooked rice and vegetables from the piles of offerings, and crowd them into their bags—betel, tobacco and all. In short, while a small part of the ceremony seemed solemn, the rest of it was hideous. Yet, in other respects, the crowd was orderly. I saw no drunkenness, although there were many gambling dens, all well patronized.

During the forenoon our workers were out among the people, and we did some visiting. In the afternoon we held our farewell service. There were more than six hundred people present. At no meeting were there less than four hundred. We would sing, then Mr. Taylor would briefly explain the spirit of the hymn. He also took occasion to explain our purpose in coming among them—that they were not to fear us, and he gave them a cordial invitation to call on us in Lakawn, to come to listen and to learn—that they would always be welcome. It was a good-natured people and they seemed glad we had come.

Thus closed, for us, a remarkable experience. What good has been done, or what may result from it, there is but One who knows. We have committed it all to Him in many prayers.

Just one thing more, to illustrate the feeling of the people towards the princes. Saturday morning, while Miss Hatch was at the organ with a large crowd about her, a prince came on horseback to the tent to see me. As soon as the people saw him, about one hundred of them (mostly women) left in fear and dread. But the fact that a prince would come into our tent and take medicine from our hands tended to remove any lurking fear the people might have of us.

I returned Saturday night on horseback. The rest of the party remained at Lampang Kang and held Sabbath services with the people there. They report three precious meetings. May God add His blessing to our feeble efforts to advance His Kingdom.

J. F. Thomas (M.D.).

REV. ROBERT IRWIN preached Christ at the Lampang Luang monastery, or temple, in the autumn of 1891. (See *WOMAN'S WORK*, May, 1892.) He found at that time a head priest, five assistant priests and forty students. The institution is, of course, Buddhist.

A GROUP OF SIAMESE CITIES.

Nakawn is 450 miles southwest from Bangkok. Nakawn Province, of which it is the capital, has a population of 450,000; of these people, more than 30,000 are rice farmers. The city is fortified, surrounded by a wall and moat. There are two hundred and sixty* Buddhist temples in the province, in a general condition of decay, and more than one thousand "idle and ignorant" priests.

In the spring of 1893, Rev. E. P. Dunlap, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Eakin spent a month in this province. They were received with kindness by the governor and found "much inquiry about the Christian religion." People traveled two days' journey to get their medicines. They gathered a little band of disciples who promised to meet regularly every Lord's Day and follow a simple order of service.

In 1894, Mr. Eakin baptized six adults in Nakawn. April 21, 1895, a church was organized, with thirty-one adult members, the first church of Christ in this part of the world. Six converts were added last July.

The first advance which the Siam Mission considers it imperative to make is at Nakawn. They call for two missionaries, one ordained, the other medical, to open a Station here.

Raheng is, after Ayuthia, the largest city in Siam, north of Bangkok. Including its suburbs, it is ten miles long. It is a border town between the Lao country and Siamese, and not far from the Burmese frontier. Its location makes it the centre of an extensive river trade†. It has a medley of races and a Babel of languages: Lao, Siamese, Chinese, Burmese, Peguan, with a few Europeans. The Lao-speaking population are most numerous.

Last September, Rev. A. W. Cooper and Mr. Boon-Itt spent two days in Raheng and sold Christian books there faster than would permit of explaining their contents. The memorable Appeal of Laos Mission [1893], asked for reinforcements that would enable them to open a station at Raheng, whence they might work a line of river villages for a course of 200-300 miles. Answer to this

request has been postponed ever since, and now it is renewed in a modified form. It is the Siam Mission, this time, that begs to be allowed to purchase land and open a Station in the region of Paknampo, from which they would oversee Raheng. They must have far sight, for the round trip between Raheng and Paknampo consumes twelve days: nine days up and three days down the river.

Paknampo is a large town at the point where the Ma Ping River (from Chieng Mai) unites with the Po to form the Chow Phya River, or Menam. The head priest of the temple and the Postmaster of the town received Mr. Cooper with great cordiality and urged him to establish a school there. It is in communication with Bangkok seven months of the year, by weekly steamer. A priest near Paknampo declared that he had been using Christian text-books in teaching the boys in the *wat* under his charge.*

Ayuthia was made their capital city, by ancestors of the Siamese in 1350. The Burmese and Portuguese wrested it away in 1555, but the national hero of Siam, Phra Naret, re-took Ayuthia a few years later, and it was held until the Burmese recaptured it, after a two years' siege, in 1767.

Ayuthia is second in population to Bangkok, and from no other point in the Mission is so large an outlying population accessible within a radius of two or three days' journey. Saraburee, Lopburee, Angtawng, Prome, are large towns, and the banks of several rivers and the intersecting canals are lined with villages large and small.

Rev. F. L. Snyder and Rev. A. W. Cooper occupied sixteen days, last autumn, visiting the Ayuthia and Raheng region. The Mission, acting upon their report, proposes to maintain a steady work at Ayuthia in the future. The Floating Chapel, for which an offering was taken in the Academy of Music, Philadelphia, a year ago, will, when it is finished, carry the superintending missionary back and forth through this watery world.

A DISTINGUISHED event, this year, is the graduation from the Harriet House School, Bangkok, for the first time in its history, of a class which completed a prescribed course of study and received a diploma. There were seven girls in the class, of whom three are church members. The regular attend-

ance in school was sixty, of whom all but fifteen were from heathen homes, and all but eight paid the full fee for board and tuition. This marks advance.

Five young men graduated from the High School, Bangkok, making eighteen graduates in five years. Eleven of them are church members.

* Gathered, with other facts, from article by Dr. Dunlap, in *Church at Home and Abroad*, Aug., 1893.

† From Mr. Cooper's Report.

* From Mrs. Eakin's Station Letter.

Education of girls at Praa is looking up. Three years ago it was nothing; now ten little girls learn to read, count, sing and commit Scripture, with Mrs. Shields, and

as many adults, including the elder's wife, the deacon's wife, the carpenter's and dispensary clerk's wives, learn about the same with Mrs Briggs.



SOME OF THE CHIENG MAI SCHOOLGIRLS.

From photograph kindly sent by Miss Griffin.

[The third and fifth on the reader's right, lower row, are teachers, the sixth is matron, in the school. Three on our left, next the standing figure, are the First Class girls. Their black hair, done up in the pretty Lao knot, is ornamented, as usual, with leaves or flowers.]

OUR house in Chieng Mai faces the river and, between, runs a narrow street where people are constantly passing. I can count as many as eight different nationalities among them. Their costumes vie with the rainbow in color, and seem to harmonize with the deep blue of this tropical sky, the waving palms and substantial pagodas.

The people impress me by their dignity of manner and natural politeness. They are very fond of having their pictures taken. Almost every day some one comes and begs "Paw Leung" to pity them and take or "draw" their pictures. We were out of gold solution for toning and my husband told one woman, who is well off, that if she brought some gold he would see what he could do with it. She would not believe, at first, and thought he was joking, but one morning she brought a

little and now we have a good toning solution and she is made happy with a picture of herself, husband and children. They looked very funny when they came to be photographed. We were hoping they would come in native dress, but they added all the finery they had. One girl had a bunch of ostrich feathers and some artificial flowers pinned to the sleeve of a very elaborate muslin jacket, trimmed with embroidery and many bows.

Some women came this morning to bring rice and fruit, in gratitude for service rendered by the Doctor. They were much pleased with a photograph of the girls' school. I played on the piano, and sang "Jewels" for them in Lao. Our houses are so open that the people come in, no matter how we are occupied, and sit at our elbow with exclamations of "What are you doing?" "What is the writing; Siamese?"

Katharine A. Denman.

LAMPOON* AS WE FOUND IT, AFTER TWO YEARS' ABSENCE.

WE arrived here on December 7, just sixteen weeks from New York. For the last year no missionary has resided at Lampoon. The church has been supplied by a licentiate, with frequent visits from Mr. Irwin. Two new churches have branched off from this during our absence, and as we had heard little of the progress of the church we did not know what to expect. Our first Sabbath here was a surprise and delight.

We arrived Saturday evening. None of the friends from Chieng Mai could be here to welcome us, but we found the house open,

swept and dusted, by our people, and their tearful but glad greeting was quite welcome enough to touch our hearts. Next morning Mr. Dodd conducted the communion service, after which we took a back seat, figuratively speaking, and let the people follow their own way. The Sabbath-school superintendent's business-like manner pleased us greatly. The women and girls I once had to teach alone were divided into four classes. Next came Christian Endeavor meeting, and then I almost rubbed my eyes. Were those the women who used to sit and listen so quietly and at first could only say, "I cannot remember"? Now, one of them was

* A walled town 18 miles south of Chieng Mai, Laos. Opened as a station in autumn of 1891. Pron, with *m* silent.



AT LAKAWN IN FLOOD SEASON.
[The man is wading in the yard.]

leading the meeting, the one next her led in prayer, another started a hymn, one after another read a verse of Scripture of her own selection, and so the meeting went on, men, women and children taking part. You will not wonder that we were pleased.

The next day I attended the women's prayer-meeting which Mr. Irwin started the year before. It meets regularly every Monday afternoon, in rotation at the house of one of the eight Christian families living in the vicinity of the chapel, and it is the rule that the mother of the house where the meeting is held shall always be leader of the meeting. There were ten women present and prayers were earnest and entirely voluntary.

Our being located again at Lampoon was uncertain when we left America and now the uncertainty has become certain. At Mission meeting in December, Mr. Dodd was assigned to the charge of the Theological School again, and it was decided to have it permanently located in Chiang Mai; so with some sadness we are preparing to move.

Lampoon Church is in a prosperous condition, has called a native licentiate for this year and is making strides toward self-support; but the work of foreign missionaries is by no means done. The Lao medical assistant, in charge of the dispensary here, will not stay without a physician to train him and oversee all his work, although we hear the

best reports of his success while alone. A medical missionary living here will have his hands full. The whole province is before us, with three infant churches, the first only four years old. We are surrounded by the worst heathen, the gospel-hardened. They have attended services, as long as it was something new, and know the message of salvation well, but when they found it meant forsaking their gambling, drinking, and worse sins, they would have none of it. Always, with the sound of sacred Lord's

Day services, such as I have described, there is mingled the hum of heathen life, the clatter of the weaver's shuttle, the click and thud of the rice pounder, the creaking of large rice carts drawn often by tired-faced women. At the peaceful noon time, or in evening darkness, there come up, alike, sweet songs from a Christian home on our own compound, and loud angry voices, heavy blows, sobs and shrieks from heathen homes just on the other side of a bamboo fence. This is by no means a Christian community, but the leaven of this busy, zealous little Church will in time work here, as the Gospel leaven works in purer country villages.

This is the Week of Prayer. It is the custom of Lampoon Church to observe it by mid-day services held out in country villages, by turn. This involves the Christian families of each village, in turn, giving a dinner to which their heathen friends are invited, especially the rulers and princes. They come and enjoy the dinner, hear the Gospel, and seem much interested. One hundred and fifty outsiders have attended services in one village this week. Most of the people here go out to these services every day, leaving Lampoon unusually quiet. The stillness is at times almost oppressive. At evening they all come home and we have a quiet little sunset prayer-meeting in the chapel.

(Mrs. W. C.) Belle E. Dodd.



SIAM.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS.

MRS. WACHTER wrote from RAṬBUREE, Jan. 18, 1896:

Last October Mr. and Mrs. Eckels and Mr. McClure spent ten days with us and we held a delightful series of meetings in our chapel here. Between services Mrs. Eckels and I did some visiting, inviting the women to come and listen to the Word of Life.

The boys' teacher and medical assistant has since come out on the Lord's side. He is the first convert since we came to Ratburee. We have long prayed for his conversion. He is a good, substantial young man.

Five of my boys form an inquiry class and some of them confess their faith in Christ, but are not ready to unite with the Church.

In December we went to Bangkok to attend Presbytery and Mission meetings. Right in the midst of meetings came word from Prince Damrong (Minister of the Interior) that we ought to return to Ratburee at once, as His Majesty the King was going there for an outing and it would be a good opportunity to secure an addition to our property; so we hurried back.

TEMPORAL BLESSINGS AND ROYAL FAVOR.

Dr. Dunlap and Mr. Wachter having been appointed a committee, they went at once to confer with the Prince, and had an audience with His Majesty the following afternoon. The King asked many questions about the schools and medical department, and spoke very kindly of our work in the hearing of a number of princes and officials. He granted us permission to occupy, and use as we choose, a valuable lot of land with buildings.

The new property is six times as large as this where we are. There is ample room for schools, hospital, chapel, and it is as good a location as we could possibly find for present and future work. In the middle of the lot stands an old palace which can easily be transformed into dwelling houses for two families. The lot is walled in on three sides and the whole compound is well shaded with grand old tamarind, mango and

mi-pa-doo trees. I do not want to think of all the building and repairing this change will require and how it will interfere with our regular mission work, but God's Holy Spirit works independent of us, so we pray, and ask you to pray, for a special blessing on our work here during the coming year.

We are on the eve of making a tour up this river; we expect to be gone ten days or two weeks. Just now Mr. W. has no in-patients and the schools are in good running order, so that we feel like making this extra effort to reach out a little. Baby hates the boat, but she is a year old and must get used to unpleasant things. Her part in this tour will be to draw a crowd.

MISS COOPER wrote from Bangkok about her transfer to the Boys' High School:

Mr. Cooper had accepted the duty of making a two months' tour up to the North, looking for the best place for the new station, so long planned for and desired by both our own and the Laos Mission. So it became necessary to find some one to substitute for Mr. Cooper and down I came from dear old Wang Lang, seven miles away, to try my hand at teaching boys instead of girls. We thought it would be for only one term, but we also had in mind that no one [of the brethren] would be available to help next year, in Mr. Eakin's absence on furlough, and this experiment would show whether I could meet the need, if no better arrangement were found. So no one was much astonished when, at Mission meeting, the others having all been appointed to their work for the year and this corner still left, I was put in for chinking right here. I hardly know myself in the new place, as I have been so long a fixture in Wang Lang that it seems as though I am away from home. I do find it very interesting, however, and can do for these older and more advanced pupils much which one cannot for our young and childish daughters in the other school.

STREET TRAVEL.

. . . . If you ride a wheel I am more envious than shocked, and, did the roads here allow it, many

of us would follow in your train. It is most difficult to get about here, as hired carriages are too expensive for common indulgence, boats are too slow, launches out of the question on account of expense, the jinrikishas are said to be those condemned at Yokohama, Singapore, &c., and brought here to die—omnibuses are too filthy for even a Siamese passenger of self respect to patronize, and the tram-car, our main reliance, is usually crowded with men, half of them smoking the worst tobacco, many filthy and half naked, some possibly afflicted with small-pox. One is apt to lose the sentimental idea that all men are brothers, and therefore should be treated as equals, before the stronger instinct of self-preservation, and it is with no compunction that we insist upon sitting in front, partially away from the smoke and odors. We are obliged to start out half an hour earlier to our appointments, to allow for waiting that time for a tardy tram-car, and we speed along in it with face to the front and back to the foe.

MEXICO.

HOW THEY VALUE EDUCATION.

MISS BARTLETT wrote from MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17:

Our school opened for a new year the first week in February. We have a nice class of girls, but their parents appreciate the work done for the children by paying, at a great sacrifice often, something for their tuition. One poor mother of a family of nine children brought eight dollars, all in five and ten-cent pieces, her small savings for months, toward the support of her daughter here, one of our very best girls.

The small gifts from the girls' homes are both funny and pathetic. One of the highest grade girls came a whole day's journey, carrying under her arm an enormous white hen which she presented me with an apology that she had nothing more valuable to bring. Another brought a half of a candied squash; another from the sugar lands, a bottle of molasses; eight fresh eggs were carefully carried across the country by a poor woman who brought her daughter; a plate of home-made *tamales* was the gift of another small girl; while still another shyly offered me a couple of gourds and a pasteboard matchbox.

The scholars came in promptly and are earnestly at work. Those who passed out of the Primary department, last year, proudly display the grammars and big geographies they have begun, while the third year Normal girls feel the dignity that attaches to membership in the highest grade in school. There is no graduating class this year.

BRAZIL.

A REFUGE FROM THE HEAT.

MRS. RODGERS wrote from NOVA FRIBURGO, Feb. 8:

I have not been well and have fled to the mountains for refuge from the dreadful heat of the city. [Rio de Janeiro.—ED.] We are most happy in being received into this home-like family of Dr. and Mrs. Kyle's, as

though we belonged here.

I have been in Friburgo several times before, and know from experience the benefits to be expected from the fresh pure air, cool nights, good milk and other country delights. It is a quiet little place, where one dresses and does as one pleases, in spite of "summer people" and two or three hotels. Hats and gloves are almost unheard of up here, and we never think of bothering with them. We are very glad of the large yard and garden belonging to this house, quite filled with fruit trees. There are no less than nineteen fig trees and fifteen peach trees, to say nothing of several grape vines and an apple tree.

REMOVAL, FOR THE LARGER GOOD.

The large Rio Church is, for the time being, without a pastor, and Presbytery has put Mr. Rodgers in charge as acting pastor, for a year or so. That means that we must leave our home and find a place nearer this church, and the church at Riachuelo must now be cared for by a young Brazilian assistant, with what help Mr. Rodgers can give him. I am more sorry than I can express to leave that little group of friends. That church is our first-born and deeply beloved, and it is still very young and inexperienced. We had hoped to see it develop much more before the time for our home-going next year.

COLOMBIA.

COTTAGE MEETINGS.

MISS FLORENCE EVELYN SMITH's first letter in these pages will be warmly welcomed. She wrote from BARRANQUILLA February 18:

We have no chapel, but use a large room in Miss Hunter's school building. There are wooden benches, a small table and my piano, also a baby organ which we carry around to other services. At eight o'clock Sabbath-school begins. Mr. Pond takes the men, Mrs. Ladd the women and girls, and Miss Hunter the boys. When we new comers can talk Spanish, there will be a girls' class. Sunday evening we have regular preaching and a good many people come. The singing always attracts a crowd at doors and windows. Wednesday night we have prayer-meeting and on Tuesday and Thursday evenings cottage meetings in different parts of the city. These last accomplish a great deal. We hold them at the homes of church members, and people come who would not dream of entering a regular place of worship. Crowds of men, women and children stand about the doors and windows and listen attentively. Coming inside would be a sin to be confessed to the priest.

It means a great deal to be a Protestant Christian here. If we attempted to hold an open air meeting we would be stoned to death. Often a big stone, large enough to kill one if it hit, will come crashing through the roof or in at the door, while service is in progress. Some time ago the priests were carrying an image purporting to be the child Jesus from house to house, and everybody

was expected to kiss it and to pay a small piece of money. He went to a poor woman of our congregation, and she paid the money but declined to kiss the image. He demanded the reason, and she told him she had learned better. Thereupon he began to revile not only her, but every member of the Mission, in the grossest manner. She ended up by calling him "a little rooster" in Spanish, and ordered him out of the house. He fled to the Prefect, a devoted Catholic, and the woman was arrested next day on charge of disrespect to the priest, and held in durance vile for ten days.

Sabbath afternoons I have a

CHILDREN'S MEETING

for English-speaking children in the city—18 in all. I began with the life of Christ, and many of them have never heard the story before. They are just as interested as they can be; have learned the 23d Psalm and many hymns. As soon as I can speak Spanish I expect to turn it into a Spanish S. S. Will you not pray that every one of these children may be brought to Christ? I do so want every one of them for Him.

Of course our first duty is to learn the language well. It is a beautiful tongue and the people are justly proud of it, and he who learns it best has the most influence with them.

MISSIONARY, NOT MUSIC TEACHER.

There have been several applications for me to give private music lessons, but I have refused. If I took one pupil I would have to take many, and would soon become a music teacher instead of a missionary. I want to use my music all I can to win people to the Lord, but do not intend to give my time just to teach people to sing. They are very fond of music, and in this way I can reach homes as I could in no other. We have new hymn-books in Spanish and last week the people came to learn hymns; they seemed to enjoy it.

I have been pleasantly surprised to find things so much better than I expected. The hardships are not worth naming. There is no joy equal to that of a missionary life. I have been in perfect health ever since my arrival, and do not mind the heat. I have also been spared one homesick hour, for all of which I praise the Father who sent me here and keeps me every moment.

CHINA.

MRS. VAN SCHOICK writes from CHININGCHOW:

... When we arrived home, we found Mr. Lane very ill. They were packed up ready to leave for America and Dr. Van Schoick left, to go with them down the canal, the following Wednesday. You see, all the duties to which one is subject, after two or three months' absence from home, came upon me. We thought this was our first duty, and, trusting the dear Lord for strength and help, I said I was willing to do anything I could, so I have been keeping house alone for a month. Some days I have felt I could not even listen to anything more, as the Chinese came one after another. But I have been kept in perfect health, and

my Heavenly Father has made the way easy for me.

Mr. Lane was an earnest, faithful worker, and loved his work so much.

I have tried to draw a picture in my imagination of your Anniversary Meetings last April. It seems to me I would have been satisfied if I could have had a seat on the door step. I often wish I could catch the sound of a church bell, or have some position where I could see the people going to church. We cannot go to church here. Men only attend our chapel service. We hope, some time, to do away with this Chinese custom and have men and women worship together. . . .

Just returned from hospital. Had but six patients. If these people were only clean, it would be less difficult, but they are filthy in their habits. And that is nothing compared with the black stains of sin upon their hearts, which nothing but the blood of the Saviour can make clean and white.

MISS MORTON wrote from NINGPO January 17:

Not long since I met a young woman in the country who had been in Ningpo a short time last winter and attended one of the meetings. On her return home she immediately unbound her little girl's feet (her own were already unbound). This woman is not a church member, but an inquirer. We heard of an old woman who, after attending the same meeting, unbound her own feet and walked several miles to attend church service shortly after.

Chinese New Year is approaching—February 13; everything stops at that time.

PERSIA.

HOSPITAL BEDS ALL FULL.

MRS. WISHARD wrote from TEHERAN January 10:

Our residence and hospital are in the same large garden, in a quiet and healthful part of the city, about two miles from the central mission premises; so our world is largely confined within four mud walls.

During a few weeks of the summer the hospital was practically closed, but since the re-opening in September it has been well filled. There is seldom an empty bed. As soon as one is vacated some one is ready to fill it. These patients are principally surgical cases. Owing to lack of accommodations, ordinary medical cases usually receive treatment in the dispensary or in their homes. Since September two thousand patients have been seen.

On dispensary days the waiting rooms afford an interesting sight, were it only on account of the different types represented. A motley crowd of many nationalities, diseases and conditions may be seen: Turk, Armenian, Jew, Persian, all waiting to be healed.

Patients often speak of the religion of Jesus and of the spirit in which His children carry on His work, but most of them cannot understand why it is done. A few days ago a neighbor of ours and her servant were being shown over the hospital. The lady said, "Why

do you take all this trouble for these poor, dirty people? Is it for merit?" When told it was for the sake of Jesus, who bade us carry on the Father's work until He should come again, it seemed almost impossible for her to understand how one could stoop to what is to them degrading. Thus was given opportunity of telling again the story of our debt to Christ, and from the expression of their faces we judged it the first time either the lady or her servant had heard it.

THE GOSPEL AS WELL AS MEDICINE.

Last week a rich woman, who comes with her retinue of servants for treatment, was sitting waiting for Dr. Wishard, when she overheard Miss Dale reading to a group of poor women who were also waiting. After her treatment, she asked Miss Dale if she would not loan her the book a few days that she might read more. When given a New Testament to keep she did not say she would accept it, but she has never returned it. The same day a poor, ignorant woman begged to borrow the book, that her husband might read again to her the story she had heard. A number on their death-beds have confessed their faith in Christ. Some seem deeply grateful for what is done for them, and some leave without even saying thanks.

MISS LEINBACH wrote from HAMADAN, January 24 :

Last Saturday being Armenian Christmas, most of the week we have been calling; climbing up high, hard steps and eating and eating, until we were almost sick. At each house we find several kinds of Persian candy and we must taste it all. No wonder that by the time we have made twenty-five or thirty calls we come home tired and sick. But for all that, we enjoy going among the people. This year it was warm and pleasant. Because of the mild winter, I have been able to keep up weekly visits to the village.

HAMADAN *versus* TEHERAN.

My visit to Teheran (to Mission Meeting.—ED.) in October was my first outing. We were ten days on the way and had two most delightful weeks with the missionaries. They are in one compound, with the exception of Dr. and Mrs. Wishard and Miss Dale, and all have such pleasant homes, so many flowers and trees. They make our bare places in Hamadan seem barer than ever. But I think we have some advantages over the Teheran people. We are without other foreigners here, and our people are different, especially the Armenians, who for the most part are good, simple-minded folk, and very friendly toward us. We are out of the world, have no well-made streets, no street cars, cabs, telephones; but we have a far easier place for work. There is a great difference in the cities, but the country around Hamadan is far more beautiful than around Teheran. There it is a desert, while only a short walk from our city brings us to green gardens.

We returned *via* the holy city Koom, a most fanatical

place, full of pilgrims from all over Persia. We were not permitted to pass through the bazaars, much less to say our prayer at the golden-domed mosque. From Teheran to Koom there is a made road with very good stopping places, but this side it was rough and hard traveling. A made road from Bagdad to Teheran *via* Hamadan, if it really materializes, will be a help, not only to civilization but to Christianity.

Work in this city was never in a better condition. Our schools are well attended, the physicians have all they can possibly do, and we have every reason to praise God for his great goodness to us all.

KOREA.

MRS. SWALLEN wrote from GENSAN, February 10 : . . . Since we have introduced the singing of Christian hymns to foreign tunes, we find the hymns written on large sheets of paper, pasted on the wall in the homes, and the women are learning these and soon, we hope, will be reading the Gospels.

The singing adds much to the meetings and the Koreans are delighted and sing ever so well. I am teaching a class of bright little boys, on Saturday afternoon, to sing and to recite Bible stories. Mrs. Mah, our Bible woman, studies with me every day. After the lesson she teaches me the language for two or three hours. She is a lovely little woman, consecrated and devoted to the work. On Sunday mornings we go to Wönsan, about three miles from here, and have interesting meetings with the women. Two old ladies with snowy locks seem much interested, and it does fill one with joy to break the Bread of Life to those who are hungering for something better than the worship of evil spirits.

Sunday afternoon women from the villages north of here come to our house for services. These are not so well attended as the meetings in Wönsan, yet those who come are much interested. One of the women is learning to read. After these leave, I have a little Sunday-school for the foreign children. In the evening our servants and Mrs. Mah come in. I play the organ. We sing hymns and have prayer and thus close the day which has been so full of work and joy to us all.

About one week before Christmas we moved into the new mission house. By hurrying we got nicely settled, so we could invite the Christians to our home. Christmas morning we were all up early, and my heart was touched by little gifts from the Koreans, which came nicely wrapped in paper. About ten o'clock the Christian women, their friends and children came until our parlor was filled. I took out all the chairs and we sat Korean fashion. At the same time Mr. Swallen received the men in the chapel. We had a service of singing, prayer and a Bible lesson. After the service we had refreshments of cake, popcorn balls, oranges and Japanese sweets. They went home happy, and left a happy family behind them.

HOME DEPARTMENT:

PROGRAMME FOR JUNE MEETING.—AFRICA.

LEADER.—Our Father which art in Heaven; hallowed be Thy Name.—

RESPONSE (sung).—Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!—4th verse.

LEADER.—Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.—

RESPONSE (sung).—Ho y, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.—2d ver.

LEADER.—Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil—

RESPONSE (sung).—Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in power, in love and purity.—3d ver.

LEADER.—For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down.—Isa. 18: 2.

O God of Love! Give us calm, pitying eyes

And sweetest patience. Let us also see

The glory and the grace that underlies

Each human life, that waits a touch from Thee!

CONDITIONS IN AFRICA.—

1. What is the appearance of the country in the vicinity of our coast missions?—Refer to *Historical Sketches*, pp. 103-4; WOMAN'S WORK, June, '94, p. 153. In the interior?—*Church at Home and Abroad*, Nov., '95, p. 405; *Miss. Review*, May, '95, p. 359.
2. What are occupations of the natives? How governed? Their language?—*Hist. Sketches*, pp. 104-106; *W. W. W.*, June, '95, p. 162.
3. What their belief?—*Hist. Sketches*, p. 106; *W. W. W.*, Jan., '95, p. 14, and March, '96, pp. 70-71; *Ch. at Home and Abroad*, Feb., '96, p. 144.
4. Map talk and names of missionaries.—*Year-Book* for 1896, to which add the names of Rev. and Mrs. Herman Schnatz at Batanga; see also note, p. 58, in *W. W. W.* for March, '96.
5. How the missionaries are working. In the churches. Through the schools.—Report of Foreign Board for 1895, pp. 21-27.
By evangelistic tours.—*W. W. W.*, Dec., '95, p. 322; Oct., '94, p. 275, and June, '95, p. 160. Through medical work.—*W. W. W.*, Jan., '94, p. 20, and Jan., '96, p. 17.
6. What are the discouragements?—*Hist. Sketches*, pp. 108-109; *Miss. Review*, June, '94, p. 412; *Miss. Pastor*, pp. 34, 132-133; *Stanley's African Slave Trade*; *Drumond's Tropical Africa*.
7. What are the encouragements?—*Hist. Sketches*, pp. 108-9; *W. W. W.*, June, '95, p. 157; Jan., '96, pp. 5 and 14; *Ch. at Home and Abroad*, Aug., '95, p. 137; *Liggins' Value and Success of Foreign Missions*, pp. 31-48.

SUGGESTIONS.—In giving out the subjects it is better to hand to your helpers the book or magazine containing the information they need, with a written question, and let them search for the answer themselves. They will feel much more that it is their own work and will become more interested as they gain a wider knowledge. If they will tell what they have learned rather than read it, so much the better.

PRAYER!—For guidance and grace, followed by silent prayer.

New York City.

A. H. B. W.

QUARTER-CENTENNIAL OF THE BANNER AUXILIARY, OREGON.

A Dainty little souvenir, entitled *Our Story of Twenty-five Years*, printed in silver, white and blue, has just been published on the Pacific shore. It is a notable fact that so long ago, when Portland was little more than a village, within its only church, then but a small company, there should have been found the faith and energy necessary to begin and maintain a Foreign Missionary

organization, planted as it was in the heart of a great and growing Home Missionary region.

But a few months after the Woman's Society was organized in Philadelphia, twenty-one women, belonging to the First Presbyterian Church in Portland, banded together to labor in like manner to carry the Gospel to the perishing. They formed, so far as

can be ascertained, the first Woman's (Presbyterian) Missionary Society *which has continued to the present*, on this coast. One or two little companies of the Lord's handmaidens, in quiet hamlets, had before this earnestly prayed and with self-denial contributed to hasten the coming of the Kingdom. Though any such organizations lapsed many years ago, their record is kept and will be acknowledged to the credit of those dear saints when "the books are opened."

The Portland Auxiliary enlisted under the Philadelphia banner to which it remained loyal until "The North Pacific Board" was established.

The original organization has just held its Quarter-Centennial Anniversary, and the Historical Sketch shows that these mothers in Israel "builted better than they knew," when they made a beginning in Foreign Missionary work twenty-five years ago. The course of the Society was slow and discouraging in its early experience, for the nearer destitutions of the Home field were apt to obscure the more distant, though greater, needs of the dying heathen. But in all its history there has never been a retrograde movement and its benefactions have been extended to the Nez Percés and Alaskans, to India, China, Korea and elsewhere. Toiling missionaries have been cheered by the generous contents of numerous boxes, representing thousands of dollars, that have been prepared by our Society.

From the germ planted in 1871 have sprung a number of other societies in the same church that in their turn have enlisted the missionary spirit in the young people and brought money into the treasury of the Board. The latest of these is the Baby Band, the favorite in the family, as babies are wont to be.

One of the original officers, Mrs. W. S.

Ladd, has been through all these years, and still is, the very efficient and helpful Treasurer. The first Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Linsley, occupied that position for nearly sixteen years. The first President, Mrs. E. B. Babbitt, continued in office until 1880, when she was called to higher service.

The receipts for the quarter century were found to be \$20,895.92 in cash. We gladly brought our Silver Offering of \$510, thus making the total \$21,405.92.

The Anniversary services were of the deepest interest, addresses being made by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Edgar P. Hill, and Rev. Robert Mackenzie, D.D., of San Francisco. The hymns were accompanied by the first organist, one of the prime movers in the organization of the society and also Historian for the occasion, Mrs. Amory Holbrook. An impressive feature was the Roll Call of charter members. When silence would ensue, some clear young voice, here or there in the audience, rang out telling us where this absent one was living, or when that one had gone hence. Greetings from absent members were read, and salutations to the dear mothers who were spared and present with us. On the platform were all of that first band of twenty-one who could be gathered, several of whom took part.

The women of all Presbyterian churches in the city and vicinity were invited and large numbers came to join in our festivities. The exercises were concluded by a reception and tea in the church parlors where young and old met together and Christian cheer prevailed. In the heart of the veterans, tender memories of comrades already crowned were mingled with thoughts of gratitude to the blessed Saviour who had permitted them so long to be fellow-workers with Him.

(Mrs. A. L.) L.

Portland, Oregon, March 20, 1896.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (NEW YORK).

FROM the time when, on their arrival at Syracuse on Tuesday, the delegates received a hearty welcome, till the wonderfully uplifting prayer of supplication, praise and benediction uttered by Dr. Spalding at the close of the sessions on Thursday afternoon, a wave of missionary enthusiasm seemed to surge over the place. Its tones mingled with the lingering strains of Easter alleluias and swiftly echoed back the glorious tidings of a risen Saviour—the foundation truth of the Christian Church, which, in obedience to the divine command, these women were met in endeavor to proclaim throughout the world. This tide of feeling seemed to fill and control not only the minds and hearts of all who came within the precincts of the

dignified First Church, but also the more distant parts of the city, where Dr. Behrends was giving a course of lectures on foreign missions in connection with the Syracuse University. These blessed days were preceded by what was spoken of as a very "festival of storm," but on Tuesday evening the sun came out before his setting, and on Wednesday, "lo! the winter was past, the rain was over and gone." Happy inspiration seemed to come from every quarter. First the receipts amounted to \$65,871. There was a large attendance of delegates, in all one hundred and thirty-one, and of missionaries a goodly company. Mrs. Beers presided at all the sessions held in the church, the prayer-meetings in the chapel being led by Mrs.

D. M. Miller of Brooklyn and Mrs. Huntington of Auburn. Special interest was manifested in the literature. Thanks to the energy of an indefatigable committee under charge of Mrs. E. A. Root, Secretary of Literature of Syracuse Presbyterian Society, the sales far surpassed those of any previous meeting.

Two conferences were held, one for Band leaders under charge of Miss A. M. Davison, when the following questions were discussed: "What is the primary object of Mission Boards?—how shall they be started?—how shall interest be maintained?—how shall money be raised?" In the discussion thus evoked three truths seemed established: first, that the primary object was to instruct and educate the members as to the needs of missionary effort—that for this an able and efficient leader was a necessity, and that there was a place for Bands distinct from that occupied by the Christian Endeavor Societies, as, even where these had missionary committees, they do not give opportunity for the careful teaching which is a Band leader's privilege.

The second Conference was for Presbyterian officers, ably conducted by Mrs. Fred. Perry Powers. Special stress was here laid upon the importance of reading missionary literature and of personal visitation of auxiliaries by the Presbyterian officers.

At the Children's Meeting on Wednesday afternoon, under charge of Miss Davison, the church was thronged, many standing during the entire service. The middle pews were reserved for the "Juniors," who marched to them to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Miss Holmes was the first speaker, bringing in a little girl in Syrian dress and depicting her life from the time she came, a wee mid-got, under care of the Christian teacher, till diplomated and graduated she went forth, an educated Christian girl, to engage in mission work among her countrywomen. She was followed by Mrs. Nikambe, who urged the children to pray more for the children of India, and to prepare themselves to go out in larger numbers to tell them of the loving Saviour, the friend of little children.

Mrs. McEwen showed that the Christian Endeavor movement was encompassing the globe, and, calling on the children for some measure of sacrifice for the sake of the children in heathen lands, made the startling statement that in America \$22,000,000 were spent for chewing gum, mostly by the children.

Then came Mr. Speer with stories from the lives of those who, starting as boys of earnest purpose, had grown into men of noble achievements.

Of the points which made each missionary's address

during each session of especial interest, only a few can be mentioned. Mrs. Pierson spoke of the eagerness with which the Japanese received tracts, commencing to read them at once wherever they were and always aloud. She begged for more missionaries for Japan and asked pertinently if when a child was just beginning to walk it was wise to let him "gang his ain gait," instead of watching and guiding him till he was able to care for himself securely.

Rev. F. H. Chalfant described his interesting tour on a wheelbarrow in Shantung province.

Mrs. Chalfant gave a graphic account of the way Chinese women use their tongues, and, alluding to the confidence felt in the foreign physician, said he was often summoned after life was extinct in the belief that he could restore the dead.

"Facts are the figures God furnishes as fuel for missions," quoted Dr. Wanless, from Dr. Arthur Pierson. In his address he stated that only one half of one per cent. of the women of India are treated by physicians, and that one-fifteenth of the inhabitants live practically beyond the reach of one. He was not an ordained minister and yet had preached generally five times a week and twice on Sundays.

Miss Posey begged earnestly for \$420 for a hospital in Chinanfu, China, and the collections were appropriated for this object.

Dear Miss Holliday came from Tabriz *via* Clifton Springs and touched all hearts, as she always does, with messages from her Persian women.

Each evening was fully engrossed. The first by a "social hour" in the church parlors where the Syracuse ladies entertained the delegates delightfully.

On Wednesday evening services were held in the church. Mr. Speer spoke of God the Father as a Missionary God—that the Hebrew prophets recognized that he was no racial nor sectional Deity, but that His glory was to fill the earth as the waters cover the sea—that Christ's Mission was a Missionary Mission—that the Bible is a Missionary book and the record of a sublime Missionary movement.

Rev. B. C. Henry, D.D., of Canton, followed, and was listened to with the closest attention. He paid a glowing tribute to the influence and efficiency of the girls' schools under charge of the Women's Boards of Missions in China, gave full testimony to the importance of the Medical Mission work, and high praise to the character and steadfastness of the Chinese converts to Christianity, many of whom had counted their lives not dear unto themselves for the sake of the Gospel.

M. P.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

Vikings of To-day. By Wilfred T. Grenfell. (Fleming H. Revell Company.) Ill'd. 240 pp., cloth, \$1.25.

The author, a surgeon in London, accepted medical service under the Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and went to Labrador with the Gospel Hospital-ship *Albert*, in 1892. This volume covers the voyages of three years. In connection therewith were established the first and second hospitals ever known in Labrador. The book is written in a traveler's style, outspoken and wholesome. It has the right ring on the subject of missions, introduces us to Moravian stations and the hardships of Eskimo life, and offers enchanting chapters to the boys about birds, fish and fur-bearing animals. Mr. Grenfell says many Labrador women are "Pillars of pluck"—"Grace Darlings only wanting an opportunity."

What I Told Dorcas. By Mary E. Ireland. (E. P. Dutton & Company.) 354 pp., \$1.25.

This book finely fulfills its aim; to furnish "a lively, suggestive, continued story" satisfactory for reading aloud, in installments, at sewing meetings. It is fresh and homely and lively to the end.

From Fleming H. Revell Company:

Risen With Christ. A. J. Gordon, D.D. 30 cts., cloth. A beautiful Easter book.

Missionary Heroines in Eastern Lands. Mrs. E. R. Pitman. Cloth, 75 cts.

The "Heroines" are: Mrs. Ruthquist (Free Church, Scotland) of India; Mrs. Bowen Thompson of Syria; Dr. Mary McGeorge (Irish Presbyterian Church) of India; Miss Whately of Egypt.

One of the Sweet, Old Chapters. Rose Porter. *Where Kitty Found Her Soul.* Mrs. J. H. Walworth.

ARRIVALS.

SINCE LAST MONTH.

March 18.—At New York, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson, from Chili. Address, Kent, Pa.

DEPARTURES.

March 12.—From Pacific Coast, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. W. Farnham, returning to Shanghai, China.

April 9.—From San Francisco, Miss Katharine C. Wambold, to join the Korea Mission.

MARRIAGE.

March 6.—At Shanghai, China, Dr. Henrietta B. Donaldson of Chiningchow, to Rev. Mark B. Grier of Hsu Ch'ien in the Mission of the Presbyterian Church (South).

RESIGNATIONS.

Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, Jr., Syria. Appointed 1879.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Godduhn, Africa. Appointed 1890.

Mrs. Stanley K. Phraner, Laos. Appointed 1884.

To the Auxiliaries.

[For address of each headquarters and lists of officers see third page of cover.]

From Philadelphia.

Send all letters to 1334 Chestnut Street.

Directors' meeting first Tuesday and prayer meeting third Tuesday of the month, in the Assembly Room. Each beginning at eleven o'clock A.M. Visitors welcome.

THE Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia) will be held at 1334 Chestnut St., Tuesday, May 5, 1896, at eleven A.M.

MRS. J. R. MILLER, Rec. Sec.

IN *Selma* Mrs. Gerald Dale has given a picture of Syrian life, paying charming tribute to native helpers in obscure villages. Price 2 cts., 20 cts. per dozen. *Salaam*, a children's leaflet by the same author, is a letter to American boys and girls describing child life in Syria. Price 2 cts., 15 cts. per doz. ANOTHER leaflet for children is *Polly's Potato Money*, 1 ct., 5 cts. per dozen. *The Miss Patience Band*, 4 cts. each.

A Plea for Siam, referred to in programme for May in last number of WOMAN'S WORK, has been out of print for some years, and as it does not now cover the needs of that country, will not be reprinted. We refer our workers to *Model Band Meeting* (Siam) and *Flash Lights on Siam*, each 3 cts. or 30 cts. per dozen.

MISS HOLMES will visit societies through the Synod of Ohio during the month of May. Let there be earnest prayers and careful preparation for her coming.

From Chicago.

Meetings at Room 48 McCormick Block, 69 and 71 Dearborn Street, every Friday at 10 A.M. Visitors welcome.

NEXT month this space will be taken with an account of Annual Meeting. Before other Notes are published the Twenty-fifth Annual Report will be printed, and we hope to get a copy to the secretary of each Auxiliary, Band, and contributing C. E. Society for the use of her Society by July 1. If a copy is not received, let the Secretary notify us and a duplicate will be sent. Copies will be given to any Honorary or Life Member who sends for it with her address.

A NEW exercise, *Blue Banner Drill*, is now ready, price 1 ct. each, 10 cts. per dozen. Address W. P. B. M., Room 48, McCormick Block, Chicago, Ill.

From New York.

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. of 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 A.M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and the reading of missionary letters, commencing at the same hour.

THE Annual Meeting of the New York Presbyterian Society was this year an occasion of unusual interest. This was partly because it was the first time this meeting had been held in our beautiful new Assembly Hall in the Presbyterian Building, and the commodious and comfortable quarters, the brilliant electric lights and the beautiful organ were all features of interest and attraction. Every seat in the hall was filled, and the two-hour programme was listened to with keen attention.

The feature of the programme was a short address from Mrs. Gerald F. Dale, whose clear voice and winning personality make her a most effective speaker. Some of her own experiences on the field were told in graphic style, and every one was sorry when she sat down. There were reports from the Treasurer and Secretaries, a beautiful solo from Mrs. J. E. Bushnell, an attractive exercise for children, "The Missionary Clock," given by the "Nimble Fingers," West End Church, and six graphic three-minute "Bits of Experience," given by representatives of different Auxiliaries and Bands. These were all full of suggestion to workers, and their effect was heightened by one of the Secretaries, who in her report called attention to the fact that the place to get suggestions of ways of working is at the Executive Committee meetings of the Presbyterian Society. Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown kindly came in to close the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

From Northern New York.

WHEN this page is read the Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting will be a thing of the past. We trust that every delegate has returned home with an earnest purpose to endeavor, in her

own Church and Society, to arouse a deeper interest in the work of sending the gospel to the benighted heathen. Remember attendance at Annual Meeting deepens our responsibility ; attendance at such a meeting should mean more prayer, more work. Let our aim be this year to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of every woman in our Church in the work of hastening the coming of our Lord.

OFFICERS of Auxiliaries and Bands are urged to begin their arrangements for the Silver Anniversary Offering now. It is hoped that every Society and Band will be represented in this thank-offering to the Lord for twenty-five years of service in his work.

From St. Louis.

Meetings at 1516 Locust Street, first and third Tuesdays of every month. Visitors are welcome. Leaflets and missionary literature obtained by sending to 1516 Locust Street.

“ And he gathers the prayers as he stands,
And they change into flowers in his hands,
Into garlands of purple and red ;
And beneath the great arch of the portal,
Through the streets of the City Immortal,
Is wafted the fragrance they shed.”

How sweet and precious have been the times of prayer in our “upper room” during the past year. Whatever of quickening zeal has been shown, whatever of success attained, is chiefly due to the spirit of prayer that has prevailed. How good our Father has been to us !

AND now this Nineteenth Annual Meeting, so long looked forward to, so earnestly prayed for, is already a thing of the past. What of its influence and what will be its fruit ? Will not the first be far reaching and ever widening for good, the latter rich and plentiful ? With the memory of this meeting in our hearts, we will cheerfully enter on the *twentieth* year of our work as a Board, and press forward.

MISS GRIFFIN expects to leave the Laos in June and return to this country to enjoy a well-earned vacation.

NEW LEAFLETS.—By purchase from other Boards—*Selma*, a Story of Syrian Life ; price, each 2 cts., 20 cts. per dozen. *The Mind of Chinese Women* ; price 1 ct., 10 cts. per dozen.

Our own publication : *Will a Man Rob God ?* Price 1 ct., 10 cts. per dozen. Address W. B. S. W., 1516 Locust St., St. Louis.

OUR auxiliaries who have heard Miss Cort during her recent visits for the Board may be interested to know of Miss Cort's book, *Siam, the Heart of Farther India*. Price \$1, postage 11 cts. Order before your May meeting, from above address.

From San Francisco.

Meetings at 10 A.M. each Monday at 920 Sacramento St. Business, first Monday in each month. Executive Committee, third Monday.

DURING the past month interesting letters

were read from Mrs. W. J. McClure of Petchaburee, Siam, Miss Babbitt of Japan, and an extract from a letter by Mrs. Hoskins of Syria.

A UNIQUE Oriental *Musical* was given this month in the Board Assembly Rooms, in which the pupils of the Occidental, Loomis Memorial and Home Schools took part. Ten cents admission was charged and the proceeds were sent as a contribution of the girls of the Home to the “ Million Dollar Fund.”

ALL Presbyterial Secretaries of Literature are requested to send to headquarters for literature at the very beginning of another year's work, and to freely distribute among Auxiliaries, together with circulars which have been sent them with regard to WOMAN'S WORK.

MENTION was made in former notes of the Presbyterial meetings. Fuller reports have been received, and all seem to be looking forward to the new year's work with renewed courage and spiritual devotion to the cause.

BE ready, workers, to take up any special object or work that may be presented to you, prayerfully and with new enthusiasm.

LET each Auxiliary see to it that every communication from the Board meets with a prompt response, and every blank is completely filled.

THE meeting of Los Angeles Presbytery was one of unusual interest. Miss Katharine Wambold of Los Angeles is to go out from our Board to Seoul, Korea. Her support is pledged by the Sabbath-school of Immanuel Church, Los Angeles. She is the second missionary sent out and supported by this Church.

AT this time of writing, preparations are being made by the Board for a grand missionary rally and reception to Miss Wambold, in one of the large churches of San Francisco. May the prayers of all workers accompany our new missionary to her field of labor.

From Portland, Oregon.

Meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the First Presbyterian Church. Visitors welcome.

YOU are standing on the threshold of a new year and listening to reports of your delegates to the Annual Meetings. You hear of the successes and failures in the year just closed, and the plans suggested to avoid these failures in the new year. While your hearts are stirred with enthusiasm is the time to make any needed changes in methods.

DID you fail to increase your membership in the year just closed ? Then appoint a Lookout Committee to invite ladies to your meeting, to welcome them after they come and to plan for more aggressive work.

DID you fail to increase your subscriptions to WOMAN'S WORK FOR WOMAN ? Try the plan adopted by a wide-awake President—call for a report of the Secretary of Literature at each meeting. This report should show the number

of calls made, number of persons solicited, the number of subscribers secured, and leaflets distributed. This review will not only be interesting, but will attach greater importance to this most valuable department of the missionary enterprise. An earnest woman, in a recent missionary meeting, spoke for a few moments in behalf of a magazine. Result—seven new names. What *one* woman accomplished, *others* may. Our aim this year—500 subscribers.

DID you fail to make any advance in gifts, or were your contributions even less than the preceding year, and did you thus help to cause that falling off in receipts at headquarters? Then try the plan of sending equal quarterly remittances. The Board Treasurer can never

safely make an estimate of receipts before the books close, so much comes in at the last moment. What business concern could meet its obligations or long exist in this uncertain, unbusiness-like manner?

An interesting letter from Dr Maud Allen of Jagraon, India, tells of a convention which she attended, held in Lahore Christian College for deepening of the spiritual life. Fifteen accepted Christ as their personal Saviour, twenty young men and women, English-speaking native Christians, consecrated their lives to the saving of souls in India, one hundred and seventy-five joined the "Morning Watch," promising to spend the first half hour of each day in Bible study and secret prayer.

NEW AUXILIARIES AND BANDS.

COLORADO.

Gunnison.
Lake City.
Ouray.
Salida, Jr. C.E.

ILLINOIS.

Paxton.

IOWA.

Carson.
" S.C.E.
Emerson, S.C.E.
Griswold, Bethel Ch.
Shellsburg, S.C.E.

KANSAS.

Monmouth.
Syracuse.

MICHIGAN.

Boyer City, S.C.E.
" " Jr. C.E.
Cadillac, S.C.E.
Cross Village, S.C.E.
Grand Rapids, 3d Ch., Jr. C.E.
Harbor Springs, S.C.E.

Harbor Springs, Jr. C.E.

Lake City, S.C.E.
" " Jr. C.E.

MINNESOTA.

Brainerd, Long Lake Ch.
Clyde, Fremont Ch.
Ely.
Macalester Park, College, Y. L. M. C.
Minneapolis, Oliver Ch., Y. P. M. S.
Rushmore, reorg.
Sandstone.
Tower, St. James Ch.

MONTANA.

Boulder.

NEBRASKA.

Wahoo.

NEW JERSEY.

Newark, 2d Ch., Star Bd.
New Gretna, Jr. C.E.
Paterson, 1st Ch., Jr. C.E.
" 3d Ch., Increase Bd.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Bismarck.

Drayton, S.C.E.

" Jr. C.E.
Jamestown, S.C.E.
" Jr. C.E.

Lisbon, S.C.E.
" Jr. C.E.
Mandan, Sloan Mission Bd.

OHIO.

Island Creek.
Tiffin, S.C.E.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Fryn Mawr, Jr. C.E.
Crafton, S.C.E.
North East, Jr. C.E.
Newport.
Pittsburg, 2d Ch., S.C.E.
" Shady Side Ch., S.C.E.

WISCONSIN.

Ashland, Bethel Ch.
Eau Claire, S.C.E.
" Jr. C.E.
Galesville, S.C.E.
" Jr. C.E.
La Crosse, North Ch., S.C.E.
" Jr. C.E.

Receipts of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church from March 1, 1896.

[PRESBYTERIES IN SMALL CAPITALS.]

[Thank-offerings are indicated by an (*) asterisk.]

ATHENS.—Athens, 13.95; Beech Grove, S.C.E., 5; Berea, 5.50; Gallipolis, 15; W. Workers, 5; New Plymouth, 15; Warren, S.C.E., 2. \$61.45
BALTIMORE.—Aberdeen, 10.25; Annapolis, 7.57; Baltimore, 1st, 106.45, Girls' Bd., 50, S.S., 400, Golden Rule Circle, 25.75; 2d Ch., 54.77, Earnest Workers, 25, Willing Hearts, 32.27, Alex'r Proud't Bd., 20, R. H. Smith Bd., 6.25, S.C.E., Jr., 2.20; 12th Ch., 20.21, Ed., 30; Aisquith St., 87; Boundary Ave., 61.47, Boys' and Girls' Links, 26.68; Brown Mem'l, 260, Mrs Jones Bd., 111.05, Casket of Jewels, 12, Handful of Corn, 40, S.S., 10, Inf. Sch., 47.17; Central, 1.76, Seek and Save Bd., 50, Y. L. B., 4, Buds of Promise, 17, S.S., 150, S.C.E., 10; Covenant, S.C.E., Jr., 5; Faith, 21.62, Workers, 111.50, Cheerful Workers, 11.38, Light Peasers, 9.83, Co-Workers, 10.83, Loyal Workers, 11.25; Fulton Ave., 2.60, Pearl Seekers, 4; Lafayette Sq., 50.11, Earnest Workers, 27, Sunshine Bd., 5, S.C.E., 5; Light St., 12, Willing Workers, 10, S.C.E., Jr., 5, Park, 9.13; Ridgely Ave., 19, Morning Star Bd., 16.75, S.C.E., 10; Waverly, debt, 5, S.C.E., debt, 2.50, S.C.E., Jr., debt, 7.53; Westm'r, 64.25, Cap-Kor-Ma P'd., 22; Belair, 25, Joy Bd., 35; Churchville, 44.50; Deer Creek Harmony, 98.35; Ellicott City, 57.10, Rose of Sharon Bd., 46.59; Emmittsburg, 33.50, Do-what-you-can F'd., 6.61; Hagerstown, 50; Hampden, 9; Lonaconing, 9; Piney Creek, 27; a woman suffragist, 150. 2,952.27
BLAIRSVILLE.—Armagh, 6; Feulah, 43.92; Blairsville, 22, Rays of Light, 17.90, L. L. Bearers, 2.25; Braddock, Whatsoever Bd., 23.50; Conemaugh, 5; Congruity, 5; Derry, 33.50; Ebensburg, 25; Greensburg, 1st, 68, Foster Bd., 40; Greensburg, Westm'r, 5.50; Irwin, 10; Jeannette, 3.60, Rain-or-shine Bd., 10, Johnstown, 5.18, I-will-try Bd., 19.24, Boys' Bd., 11.29, S.C.E., Jr., 10, L. L. Bearers, (2.50 in mem.), 10.16; Morrellville, (3.10*) 9.30, W. Workers, 1.50; Ligonier, 13.25; Manor, 12.50; Murrysburg, 80, Boys' and Girls' Bd., 30; New Alexandria, 10;

New Salem, 40; Parnassus, 58.55, W., in mem., 100, S.S., 50; Pine Run, 33.72; Plum Creek, 15; Unity, 15. 845.86
CHESTER.—Aiglen, 25; Avondale, 37.05; Lerwyn, 22.50, Boys' Bd., 17, Mustard Seeds, 5, W. Workers, 2.25, S.C.E., 5; Bryn Mawr, 147; Chester, 1st, 5, S.C.E., 10; Chester, 2d, 8.08, Mary B. Reany Bd., 1.25, S.S., 25, S.C.E., 5; Chester, 3d, 27; Christiana, 22; Coatesville, (debt, 3) 28, S.S., 10, S.C.E., 20; Darby, Borough, 69.74, Ivy Leaf Bd., 30, Sunbeams, 15, Seek and Save, 10; Downingtown, 19.34, Agnes Bd., 9.78, S.S., 27.50; East Whiteland, 9; Fagg's Manor, S.C.E., 2; Fairview, 11.52; Forks of Brandywine, 35.53; Glenolden, S.C.E., Jr., 15, Great Valley, a member, 33; Honeybrook, 63, Pansy Bd., 1.25, S.S., 5.25, S.C.E., 10, S.C.E., Jr., 6; Kennett Sq., 17, S.S., 15, S.C.E., 11, S.C.E., Jr., 1.50; Lansdowne, 10.27, Y. L. B., 5, S.C.E., 2.50; Lincoln, Willing Helpers, 15, S.S., 10.65; Marple, 20, Phil Thomas Bd., 8, Cedar Grove, S.S., 6.14; Media, 56.45; Middletown, 20.90, Perseverance Bd., 10, Earnest Workers, 10; Mt. Pleasant, 11.23; New London, 25.92, S.S., 5; Oxford, 95, India Chapter, 30, Syria Chapter, 80, S.C.E., 60; Phoenixville, 43; Ridley Park, 37.82, S.S., 5; Toughkenamon, 14.50; Upper Octorara, 100, Bds. and S.S., 40, S.C.E., 10; Wallingford, S.C.E., 12; Wayne, 55, In His Name, 20, S.C.E., 16, S.C.E., Jr., 6.50; W. Chester, 1st, (68.02*) 198.11, Willing Hands, 7, S.C.E., 3.62; W. Chester, Westm'r, 115.11, S.S., 12.75, S.C.E., Jr., 7; West Grove, 19.07. 2,049.56
CHILLICOTHE.—Bainbridge, 2; Bloomingburg, 17.60; Gleaners, 5.40, Buds of Promise, 4.93; Bourneville, 7; Chillicothe, 1st, (44*) 77, Y. L. B., 40, S.C.E., 5; 3d, 11.05, Inf. Cl., 3, S.C.E., 2; Concord, (6*) 10.35; Frankfort, 5; Greenfield, 16.19, S.C.E., 25; Hamden, 15; Hillsboro*, 25; Marshall, 1.36; Mem'l, S.C.E., 1.24; McArthur, 3; Mt. Pleasant, 10; N. Fork, 10.55, Cheerful Givers, 1.25; Pisgah, 9, S.C.E., 7; Salem, 10; Union, 1.55, Wash'n C. H., 15, Young Girls' Bd., 50 cts., Golden Threads, 85 cts.,

S.S., 10; Wilkesville, S.C.E., 3; Wilmington, S.C.E., 5, 36.22
 DAYTON.—Bath, 5; Blue Ball, 14.60; Camden, 10; Clifton,
 12.90, Y.L.B., 30; Collinsville, 8.80; Dayton, 1st, 86, Y.L.B.,
 35, S.S., 55; 3d St., 135.10; 4th, 35; Mem'l, 30, Earnest Work-
 ers, 8.50, S.C.E., Jr., 30; Park, 40, Y.P. Soc., 50; Union Meet-
 ing, 10.60; Eaton, 4; Franklin, 10; Gettysburg, 5; Greenville,
 11.95; Hamilton, 1st, 29.50; Middletown, 19.60; New Carlisle,
 19.90; New Jersey, 8.60, S.C.E., 1.90; Osborn, 3.75; Oxford,
 2.5; Oxford Female College, 35; Piqua, 130, Boys' Brigade, 1,
 S.C.E., Jr., 3.06; Seven Mile, 12.40; So. Charleston, 10; 'pring-
 field, 3d, 18.51; Troy, 50, "d So.", 41.25, Herron Bd., 4;
 Yellow Springs, 22.60, S.C.E., 1.75, Mary Co. Ed., 10, 1,029.44
 FAIRFIELD.—Bethlehem, 1st, 50 cts., W. Workers, 30 cts.;
 Bethlehem, 2d, 25 cts.; Carmel, 75 cts.; Good Hope, 20 cts.;
 Good Will, 1.00; Hopewell, 20 cts.; Ingram, 20 cts.; Ladson,
 2.50; Lancaster, 6 cts.; Lebanon, 15 cts.; Wilina, 75 cts.; Mt.
 Tabor, 25 cts.; Olivet, 25 cts.; Pleasant Grove, 40 cts.; Shiloh,
 1; Trinity, 50 cts.; Yorkville, 20 cts.
 HUNTINGDON.—Alexandria, Hartlott Val., 8; Altoona, 2d,
 Panethia Soc., 27; Bellefonte, Ellsott Bd., 5; Birmingham,
 Mountain Sem., 100; Clearfield, 1.25; Hollidaysburg, Y.L.B.,
 2, Charlotte Irvin Bd., 5; Huntingdon, 6.60, Y.L.B., 7.25,
 Earnest Workers, 3, S.S., 5.75; Milesburg, 1; Mt. Union, Y.L.
 B., 13.11; Phillipsburg, 4.05; State College, 32.05, S.C.E., Jr.,
 4; Tyrone, 7.60, Moore Bd., 50 cts.; Pres. Soc., 82.35*, 315.60
 LEHIGH.—Bethlehem, children, 1.51
 McLELLAND.—Anderson, 1.00
 MORRIS AND ORANGE.—Dover, S.C.E., Jr., 15.00
 NORTHBUMBERLAND.—Bald Eagle and Nitany, 27.45; Beech
 Creek, 3.20; Berwick, 6; Kumber Lk., 10.20; Bloomsburg, 43.25,
 Neal Bd., 62, S.S., (debt, 16.27) 66.27, S.C.E., 20; Briar Creek,
 5; Buffalo Cross Roads, 18.67; Eufalia, Mifflinburg, 17.18; Chil-
 lisquaque, 6; Danville, 18.98; 31.67, Lily Neal Bd., 10, S.S.,
 15; Danville, Mahoning, 43.72, Kate Best Bd., 5.51, Y.L.
 B., 12.12; Derry, 5; Jersey Shore, 50.95, Mrs. M. A. Gamble,
 15, S. 7.42; Lewisburg, 51.60, Snowflake Bd., 12.06; Linden,
 6; Lock Haven, 54, Y.L.B., 165.54, S.S., 16.38, L.L.B., 7, S.
 C.E., Jr., 36; Lycoming, 13.70, Newton Bd., 15.36, S.C.E., 5,
 S.C.E., Jr., 5; Mifflinburg, 1st, 21.44, Reardon Ed., 12; Milton,
 90.45, Y.L.B., 71.75, James C. Watson Bd., 13, Primary Sch.,
 7.58, S.C.E., 71.39; Montgomery, 4; Mooresburg, 5, W. Work-
 ers, 3, S.S., 2.06; Muncy, 26.50, S.S., 11; New Berlin, 10; North-
 umb'd, 10, Jr. Ed., 4; Orangeville, 40.27; Shamokin, 30; Sun-
 bury, 75.32, S.C.E., 8; Warrior Run, 61.50; Washington, 25, Y.
 L.B., 20, Children's Bd., 2.60; Washingtonville, 51.50; Watson-
 town, 30; Williamsport, 1st, 227.43, Curtis Hepburn Bd., 60,
 Richard Armstrong Bd., 95; 2d Ch., 159.68, Y.L.B., 73.52, Jr.
 Soc., 29.50; 3d Ch., 46.40, S.S., 50; Bethany, 10, 233.87
 PARKERSBURG.—Buckhannon, 35; Cairo, S.C.E., 1.50; Grai-
 mont, 13, Primary S.S., 7.80, S.C.E., 2; Harlem, S.C.E., 6, Fair-
 mount, 12, Jessie Carleton Bd., 18; Parkersburg, 26, Miss L.
 Stapleton, 4, Buds of Promise, 25; Ravenswood, 10.40; Sisters-
 ville, 58.00, 227.80
 PHILADELPHIA.—Arch St., 191.55, Mizpah Bd., 25, Joy
 Bells, 40, S.C.E., Jr., 10; Bethany, S.C.E., Jr., Girls, 5; Beth-
 lehem, S.S., 45; Cohocksink, 83; Green Hill, S.C.E., 10; North,
 107, S.S., 30; N. Broad Street, 203, Y.L.B., 215, Wadsworth
 Bd., 50; Northminster, 27.90; Oxford, 125; Princeton, First
 Fruits, 30, Boys' Brigade, 30; Shepherd, 70, St. Paul Bd., 25;
 Temple, 64, Workers, 30, Grace Ed., 15, S.C.E., 50; Tioga, 35;
 Union Tabernacle, (5*) 125; West Green St., Mrs. R. H.
 Beattie, 25, Bethany Bd., 25; West Hope, 28.07, Little Stars,
 12, S.C.E., 30; West Park, 3.73, 1,857.55
 PITTSBURG AND ALLEG. COM.—Allegheny, 1st, 270, Glean-
 ers, 43, Earnest Workers, 50; Central, (15.25*) 119.50; 1st Ger-
 man, Y.L.B., Jr., 2d, 20, S.S., 12.50, S.C.E., 15; McClure Ave.,
 49.90, Primary Cl., 30, Smithville Mission, 3.40; North, (12.72*)
 300.07, Lodge Hall, 100, Westm'r League, 17.25, King's Daugh-
 ters, 6, H. L. Bearers, 6; Providence, 50; Westm'r, 5.25; Amity,
 7; Avalon, 5; Pakerstown, 19; Beaver, (6.4*) 60, Sunbeam Bd.,
 10, Anna H. Stokes Bd., 12; Pellevue, (50*) 70.84, Whatsoever
 Bd., 28, S.C.E., Jr., 3; Bethany, 48; Bethlehem, 0; Bridge-
 water, 30, Bull Creek, 6.75; Canonsburg, 19, Mayflower Bd.,
 30, S.C.E., 5.50; Central, 15.20, King's Messengers, 10; Char-
 ters, 17.25, Bd., 19.13, S.S., 11.78, S.C.E., 15; Coraopolis,
 (43.64*) 86.08, Dorcas Links, 12.12, Harvey McCabe Bd., 3.56,
 S.C.E., 20.10*, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Neely, sp., 75; Crafton,
 18.25; Edgewood, 99.32, Dickinson Bd., 42.05, S.S., 41.12;
 Emsworth, 29.35, Little Branches, 12, King's Messengers, 5;
 Evans City, 21; Freedom, 5, S.C.E., 4; Glenfield, 29, Forget-
 me-not Bd., 10, S.C.E., 3; Glenshaw (18*) 15.50, H. Shaw Bd.,
 8.87, L. L. Bearers, 3.25; Haysville, 10, S.C.E., 5.50; Hiland,
 20; Hoboken, 8; Homestead, 30, Ministering Children, 7, S.C.E.,
 27, Industry, 4.80; Lebanon, 50; Leetsvale, 26.08; McDonald,

3; McKee's Rocks, 12.50; Mansfield, 40; Millvale, 20, Y.L.B.,
 5; Monongahela, 83.75, L.L.B., 5; Mt. Carmel, 15; Mt. Pisgah,
 73; Natrona, 13; Oakdale, (132.80*) 53.25, McJunkin Bd., 35*;
 Oakmont, (1.50*) 41.50; Pine Creek, 7.50; Pittsburg, 1st, 490;
 2d, 115, in mem., Mrs. McFarlane, 25; 2d Ch., 344; 4th Ch., 50,
 S.C.E., 15; (th, 170, Juvenile Soc., 10, M. McCandless Ed., 50;
 7th Ch., 5; Bellefield, 303.27, Golden Links, 40, Busy Bees, 20,
 Mt. Olive, S.C.E., 3.40; Central, 25, Chalfant Bd., 11, Laborers
 for Christ, 11; Covenant, 62.50, S.C.E., Jr., 5; East Liberty,
 110.55, Co-workers, 14.52, L. L. Bearers, 5.50, Buds of Promise,
 58, King's Daughters, 5.50, Y.P. Ass'n, 50, Cadets, 27.82, Little
 Helpers, 8.23, Val. View King's Messengers, 1.50, Henry Bd.,
 18, Fidelis Circle, (1.3 3*) 19.87, King's Messengers, 11.45, Hay-
 maker Bd., 40.25; East End, 17.18, King's Daughters, 1.40,
 Gospel Bells, 1.57, L. L. Bearers, 1.25, E. R. Bd., 7; 43d St.,
 36.30, Ezri Bd., 17.50, Little Ones, 2.53, Y. P. Soc., 5; Hazle-
 wood, 50; Highland, 9.81, S.C.E., 27.48; S.C.E., Jr., 5; Home-
 wood Ave., 3.30, Jewels, 9.65, S.C.E., 8.15; Knoxville, Buds
 of Promise, 1.50, S.C.E., 2.40; Lawrenceville, (2*) 97.50, Mc-
 Connell Bd., 30, S.C.E., 10; Park Ave., 43.03, Gleaners, 76.75,
 Chalfant Bd., 20.20, King's Soldiers, 9.25, L. L. Bearers, 9.50,
 Pansy Bd., (in mem., G. P. Chalfant, 40) 81; Point Breeze,
 (50*) 216.49, Woodridge Bd., 33, Gleaners, 15, W. Workers, 10;
 Shady Side, (130*) 641.50; South Side, 40; Tabernacle, 9; Rac-
 coon, 90.40; Rochester, 18.25; Sewickley, (7*) 32, Y.L.B., 24;
 Sharon, 44, S.C.E., 10.5; Sharpsburg, Y.L.B., 31, S.C.E., 25;
 Springdale, 32, Sentinels, 4; Swissvale, 10; Fisher Bd., 40;
 Tarentum, 26.50, S.C.E., 12; Van Port, 3; Wilkinsburg, 108,
 Dunlap Bd., 10, Earnest Workers, 30, S.C.E., 30; Young Peo-
 ple's Branch, 50; cash, 10, 7,259.67
 PORTSMOUTH.—Eckmansville, 11.50; Ironton, 30.35, S.S.,
 2.34, S.C.E., Jr., 1.22; Jackson, 15.45; Johnston, 4.30; Man-
 chester, 6.73, S.C.E., 1.45; Mt. Leigh, 8.65, S.S., 3.55; Ports-
 mouth, 1st, 7.65, Y.L.B., 27.35, Miss M. E. Peebles, 5; 2d Ch.,
 5, Busy Bees, 15; Red Oak, 5, 145.60
 SHENANGO.—Beaver Falls, 82.15, S.S., 4.99; Centre, 22.2;
 Clarksville, 54.75; Enon, 30; Hermon, 10; Hopewell, 20, Circle,
 6.75; Leesburg, 22; Little Beaver, 23.25; Mahoning, 12, S.C.E.,
 12, S.C.E., Jr., 31, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.E., 10; Neshannock, 9.25;
 New Brighton, 20.18; New Castle, 1st, Mrs. Jessie Hamilton,
 25; New Castle Cent'l, 11.30, S.C.E., 10; North Sewickley, 5,
 S.C.E., 5; Petersburg, 20.13; Rich Hill, 21.78, Bd., 4.03;
 Sharon, (5; Sharpsville, 10, S.C.E., 10; Slippery Rock, 6.25;
 Unity, 59.35; Wampum, 7.75; Westfield, 14; West Middlesex,
 30, 646.16
 SOUTH FLORIDA.—Eustis, 8.00
 SOUTHERN VIRGINIA.—Allen Mem'l, 2.40; Big Oak, 1; Bethes-
 da, Bd., 1; Cumberland, 11; Buckville, Ingleside Sem., Coulter Bd.,
 8; Christ Ch., Earnest Workers, 1.50; Danville, Holbrook St.,
 1, Little Lights, 1; Grace Chapel, W. Workers, 2; Holmes Mem'l,
 1; Mizpah, 1; Petersburg, Cent'l, 1; Roanoke, 5th Ave., 1; Rus-
 sell Grove, 21; Trinity, 60 cts., 25.60
 WASHINGTON CITY.—Anacostia, Garden Mem'l, 3.15; Falls
 Ch., 41, Ed., 18; Hyattsville, 34.29, Y.L.B., 27.08, McIlvaine
 Bd., 0, S.C.E., 20; Lewinsville, Bd., 31; Vienna, 5; Washing-
 ton, 1st, 27.50, S.S., 80; 4th, 59.88, Golden Chain Bd., 6, S.C.E.,
 20; 6th, 20 31, Cheerful Givers, 5; 15th St., 6; Assembly, 40.54;
 Covenant, 305.50, Y.L.B., 31, King's Daughters, 5, Peck
 Chapel, 138, Bd., 130; Eastern, 5, S.C.E., 20, S.C.E., Jr., 9;
 Gunton Temple, 17.55, S.C.E., 8.16, S.C.E., Jr., 4, Gurley
 Mem'l, 30; Immanuel, S.S., 1; Metropolitan, (debt, 5) 35, Mater
 Bd., 50; N. York ave., 337.25, Bethany Bd., 40.46, S.C.E., 39,
 Faith Chapel, 53.24, S.C.E., 20; North, 10, S.C.E., 22.30;
 Western, 5; West St., 55.70, S.C.E., (debt, 4) 30; Westminster,
 S.C.E., 12.50; interest on S.C.E. deposits, 40 cts., 1,482.89
 WELLSBORO.—Coudersport, 5.50; Elkland, 6.33; Mansfield,
 2; Osceola, (debt, 5) 13.43,
 WEST JERSEY.—Cape May, S.C.E., 13.40
 WOOSTER.—Dalton, S.C.E., 6.50
 MISCELLANEOUS.—Forty Fort, in mem., Mrs. Ellen L.
 Welles, 25; Germantown, Pa., M.R.C., 1; Ingleside, Pa., Miss
 S. E. Middlemiss, 5; Mt. Carmel, Pa., Mrs. Stuart Mitchell, 10;
 Philadelphia, a friend, debt, 1; Plainfield, N. J., Mrs. E. M.
 Shotwell, 3.66; Sam's Val., Ore., Mabel P. Scott, 25 cts.;
 Wyandot, O., Mrs. E. C. Junkin, 5; medical exp. refunded, 25;
 interest on investments, 47.50, 123.40

Total for March, 1896,	\$21,805.74
Total since May 1, 1895,	\$78,991.32

[Omitted in March *W. W.* Lackawanna Pb'y, Towanda district, 23.85.]

Mrs. JULIA M. FISHBURN, Treas.

April 1, 1896.

1334 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest to March 20, 1896.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Offerings will be indicated by an (*) asterisk.

ALTON.—Alton, 19.10, S.S., 17.30, Bd., 5.15; Upper Alton,
 8; Belleville, 6; Carlinville, 16.65; Carrollton, 49.95; Collinsville,
 7.75; Greenfield, 20.19; Greenville, 14.85; Hillsboro, 30, Bd., 16;
 Jerseyville, 37.07, S.S., 10; Litchfield, 14, C.E., 4; Reno, 14.30;
 Sparta, 27.25, C.E., 5; Trenton, 15; Virden, 33.50; Walnut

Grove, 18.80, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Secor, 10; (Less Phys'l Ex.,
 11.75), \$88.11

BLOOMINGTON.—Bement, 57.31; Bloomington, 1st, 5.61; 2d,
 44.23, C.E., 52.07, Chinese S.S., 12.60, Inasmuch Bd., 10;
 Champaign, 89.93, Avery Bd., 22.50; Chenoa, 15; Clinton

129.18, Baby Rd., 3.50, Y.W.S., 8.35, Jr. C.E., 3.10*, Willing Workers, 3.50; Clarence, 6.70; El Paso, 14.75; Gilman, 2.80, (9.60*); Hoopeson, 15.55, C.E., 5; Lexington, 31.17, (50 cts. *), C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 5; Mansfield, 19; Normal, 15, Y.L.S., 7, C.E., 5; Onarga, 44, C.E., 58.60; Philo, 7.64, C.E., 8.04*, Piper City, 37.23, Neely Bd., Jr. 25, Jr. 21, 24.27; Rankin, 4.06, Baby Rd., 1; Rossville, 3.35; Selma, 4.55, Sunbeams, 2, C.E., 2.50; Tolono, 22.63; Towanda, 10, (2*); Waynesville, 3.67, Farmer City, 1, 1*, 866.44

BOISE.—Bellevue, 2.5; Caldwell, 2.65, 5.25
Box BUTTE.—Bellmont, King's Daughters, 80 cts.; Rushville, 2; Valley, 1.86, 4.66

BUTTE.—Anaconda, 13.70*; Butte, 10.50; Missoula, C.E., 10, 34.20

CAIRO.—Bridgeport, 10; Carbondale, 5.72, (6.70*), C.E., 5; Centralia, 9.25, C.E., 1; Cobden, 8.50; DuQuoin, Jr. C.E., 2.25; Golconda, 10.08; Metropolis, 8; Murphysboro, 8.55; Odin, 10; Salem, C.E., 1; Enfield, C.E., 2; Shawneetown, 11; Tamaroa, 8.38; C.E., 1; Union Ch., 1.20, 109.63

CENTRAL DAKOTA.—Brookings, 25, Good Will Bd., 5.42; E. Pierre, 5, C.E., 10; Flandreau, 10, C.E., 2.26; Madison, 7.90; White, 4.25, (2.50*), Jr. C.E., 5*; Woonsocket, 4.50, 8.83

CHICAGO.—Berywn, 4.28; Brookline Pk., 2, C.E., 10; Chicago, 1st, Pr. off., 356.36; S. 5th, 500; South Side Tabernacle, 8.65; Erie Chapel, C.E., 25; St., 724.75; Christ Chapel, C.E., 10; 5th, 36.68, C.E., 10; 6th, S.S., 25; 9th, 10; 41st St. Ch., 30, Pr. off., 14.93, Scattered Helpers, 2.50; Belden Av. Ch., 5.73; Campbell Park Ch., 4.76, Pr. off., 15, S.S., 15; Central Pk. Ch., 6.25, C.E., 6.10, Jr. C.E., 4.61; Ch. of the Covenant, Pr. off., 52.55; Emerald Av. Ch., 28.69; Fullerton Av. Ch., 16, Pr. off., 62; Jefferson Pk. Ch., 27.37, (5*), C.F., 4; Hyde Park, 89.96, Pr. off., 66.18, Y.P.S., 23.45, (25 cts. *), C.E., 40; Lake View Ch., 3.58, Pr. off., 35.25; McCormick Sem., 2.18; Scotch Westm'r Ch., 5; Coal City, 36.08, (4.55*); Evanston, 1st, 65; Harvey, 4.50*; Hinsdale, 13.61, C.E., 9.38; Homewood, 1.12, (3.45*); Lake Forest, 150.02, Pr. off., 62.78, Steady Streams, 9.03, C.E., 7.65; Maywood, 7, (2.50*); Oak Park, 52.61; Peotone, 62.0, S.S., 4.27; Riverside, 30.24; Waukegan, 77.34; Wheeling, 18.07; Woodlawn Pk., 20, (50*), 2,570.27

DENVER.—Athens, 1; Denver, 23d Av. Ch., 25, (15.35*), John Dove and family, 6.25; Hyde Park, 1.25, 48.80

DETROIT.—Birmingham, 12.50; Clyde, 10; Detroit, Bethany Ch., 4.62*, Central Ch., S.S., 20; Ch. of Covenant, Hastings Soc., 18; 1st, 254.60, Richardson Bd., 80; Forest Av. Ch., 25, (8.25*); Fort St. Ch., 701.04, (2*), S.S., 160, Rhea Bd., 125, (13.23*); Howell, 10; Pontiac, C.E., Jr., 5; South Lyon, 38.74, (1*), Bd., 6; Wyandotte, 3*; Ypsilanti, Y.P.M., 27.85, 1,525.92

DUBUQUE.—Dubuque, Jr. C.E., 2; Pine Creek Ch., C.E., 8.00, 10.90

FARGO.—Hillsboro', 14.25

FLINT.—Flint, a pledge fulfilled, 1.00

FORT DODGE.—Armstrong, 2.04*; Boone, C.E., 3.64; Jr. C.E., 1.47; Bancroft, 1; Estherville, 14.55; Ft. Dodge, 63.88, (10.25*); Glidden, 7*; Grand Junction, 4.47; Jefferson, 18*, S.S., 5, Jr. C.E., 1; Livemore, 5.70*; Lake City, 10, Jr. C.E., 68 cts.; Pomeroy, 3, S.D., 5 cts., (3.79*); Rolf, 10; Spirit Lake, 9.62; West Bend, 5.94; Anon, 10.84, 192.38

FREESPORT.—Argyle, 65.34; Belvidere, 4; Cedarville, Sunbeam Bd., 20; Freepoint, 1st, Pr. off., 80; 2d, 20; Galena, 1st, 10.45, (3.75*), C.E., 11.50; Circle, 9.65; South Ch., 32.50, Y.L. Circle, 14; Guilford, S.S. Gleaners, 13.25, Hanover, 19; Harvard, Bd., 6; Linn and Hebron, 15; Oregon, 4.95; Polo, C.E., 5.50; Rockford, 1st, 50; Westm'r Ch., 40.80, Bd., 6.37; Ridgefield, 17.35; Winnebago, 28.55, (34.46*); Woodstock, 14, 525.51

GRAND RAPIDS. Big Rapids, 12.11*; Ewart, 11 25*, C.E., 4.50; Grand Rapids, 1st, 10, S.S., 25; Westm'r Ch., 13.62, (21.52*), Pr. off., 30.36, S.S., 10*, C.E., 12.50, G.W.M. Soc., 11, 3d, 1.55; Grand Haven, 45; Hesperia, 9.36, (6.2*), C.E., 1; Ionia, 21.75, C.E., 10; Ludington, 8.90*, C.E., 5, Bd., 3.77*; Muir, 75 cts.; Spring Lake, 1.88*, C.E., 1.55*, 279.13

GUNNSON.—Aspen, 12.20; Delta, 10*; Leadville, 5; Grand Junction, 10; Salida, 4.05, (30 cts. *), C.E., 6.50, 49.05

HASTINGS.—Ayr, Mrs. Rogers, 4; Edgar, 2.76, (1.20*), C.E., 2.80; Hansen, 2, C.E., 8.10; Hastings, 6.82; Holdrege, 2.70, (10.69*); Nelson, 10; Pyb'l off., 2.79, 53.95

HELENA.—Miles City, 11.40*

INDIANAPOLIS.—Indianapolis, Mr. Wm. S. Hubbard, 533.25

IOWA.—Burlington, 22; Hope Ch., 3*; Fairfield, 10.25*; Lebanon, 15; Libertyville, 1.70, (3.06*), S.S., 1.50; Morning Sun, 5, (6.73*); Mt. Pleasant, 15*; Keokuk, 41.90, (25*), C.E., 7.50; Kossuth, 7.50; Wapello, 6, C.E., 5; Ottumwa, 18.06*, Winfield, C.E., 1, 202.22

KEARNEY.—Ashton, C.E., 2; Broken Bow, 8; Central City, 32, C.E., 35, Jr. C.E., 10; Fullerton, 9; Grand Island, 14, S.S., 10; Kearney, 5.25, C.E., 4.58; Lexington, 2.68, Bd., 1.65; North Loup, 1.75; North Platte, 15.51, C.E., 13, Jr. C.E., 7; St. Paul, 80 cts.; C.E., 10; Shelton, 5.80; Wood River, 2.72; C.E., 13.50, 204.24

LA CROSSE.—Galesville, 17.70; La Crosse, 37.56, Jr. C.E., 20; Neillsville, 80 cts.; W. Salem, 25, 101.05

LAKE SUPERIOR.—Escanaba, 6.30*; Ishpeming, 5.42, (7*); Manistique, 9; Marquette, Jr. C.E., 4; Menominee, 10, Jr. C.E., 7.50; St. Ignace, 2.23; Sault Ste Marie, 10, 61.45

MADISON.—Beloit, 20; Janesville, 44, C.E., 5; Kibbourn, 13, C.E., 15.40; Lima, 17.50; Poynette, 20; Prairie du Sac, 10; Richland Center, 3, 147.90

MATTOON.—Arcola, 14.98, C.E., 1.50; Assumption, Mrs. Kemmerer, a Th. off., 5; Ashmore, 12.20, S.S., 10; Bethel Ch., 10.80; Charleston, 2.35; Pr. off., 11; Kansas, 23.10, S.S., 4; Morrisonville, 15.35, C.E., 3.25; Mattoon, C.E., 1.50; Oakland, 4; Pana, 42.90, (29.40*), Pr. off., 10.56, C.E., 1.23; Paris, 5; Robinson, 15.50; Shelbyville, 24, (7.25*), C.E., 2; Taylorville, C.E., 2; Toledo, 2, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2; Vandalia, 17.50, 285.37

MILWAUKEE.—Beaver Dam, 1st, 6.97; Horicon, 7.15; Manitowoc, 6.15; Milwaukee, Calvary Ch., 14.91, (15.20*), Miss Jennie Wheeler, 25*, 1 Bd., 10; S.S.F.M. Div., 25, C.E., 24.16; Grace Ch., 13.45; Immanuel Ch., 185, (39*), Y.L.S., 75, (13.75*), Missionary Workers, 50, S.S., 8.10, C.E., 23.45; Westm'r Ch., 4.62; Ottawa, 5.50, Mrs. Stewart, Th. off., 1.25, C.E., 2; Somers, C.E., 12.15; Waukesha, 22.84, 716.55

MINNEAPOLIS.—Buffalo, 4.23; Minneapolis, Andrew Ch., Daughters of the King, 15; Bethany Ch.; Bethlehem Ch., 50; Elm Ch., 1.18; 4th, 4, C.E., 3; 1st, Y.L.S., 13, (8.69*); Highland Pk., Parker Bd., 3.40; Oliver Ch., 4.80; Stewart Mem'l Ch., 33.41, Gleaners, 5.50, Y.W.S., 23.70, C.E., 6.28; Westm'r Ch., 137.90, (2.50*), Y.W.S., 125, Chinese S.S. Cl., 30, Daughters of the King, 5.50; Maple Plain, 2.50; Rockford, 9, 527.59

MUNCIE.—Alexandria, 3.60; Anderson, 14, (16.26*), C.E., 6; Elwood, 5.50, C.E., 5; Marion, 15; New Hope, 1.75, (1*), Peru, 5*; Portland, 8, (4*); Union City, 3; Wabash, 26.92*, S.S., 13.13, Winchester, 2.56, 130.72

NEBRASKA CITY.—Adams, 8; Auburn, 6.52; Beatrice, 1st, 14.44, C.E., 5.70, 2d Division C.E., 5; 2d, 2, Jr. C.E., 1; Fairbury, C.E., 10; Fairmont, 1.38; Falls City, 2.23; Hebron, 12.86; Hickman, 10; Humboldt, 4.50; Lincoln, 1st, C.E., 12.33, 2d, 8.84, C.E., 12; 3d, 1.69, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Nebraska City, 9.45; Palmyra, 8.66; Plattsmouth, 10.74, S.S., 6.50, Heart and Hand Bd., 7.50; Seward, 6.80; Staplehurst, 4, C.E., 5; Sterling, 4.28; Tamora, 1; Tecumseh, 3.50; York, 12.50, Jr. C.E., 12.50, 245.42

NIOBRARA.—Pender, C.E., 5; Ponca, 1.50; Wakefield, 5.30*, C.E., 10, Jr. C.E., 5; Wayne, 3.68, (14.80*), C.E., 6.25, 51.37

OMAHA.—Bellevue, 15.50, C.E., 20; Blair, 1.71; Craig, 2.54; Colon, 8.35; Fremont, 17; Omaha, 1st, 67.82, C.E., 15; Clifton Hill Ch., 4.80, C.E., 5; 1st German, 3.50; S. Omaha, 1.20; Omaha Agency, C.E., 8; Lyons, C.E., 50 cts., Jr. C.E., 1; Tekamah, 5, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2.70; Valley, 2.80; Waterloo, 2.38; Schuyler, 6, 195.80

OTTAWA.—Aurora, 7.75; Mendota, 13.50, Pr. off., 22.47; Morris, C.E., 3; Ottawa, 6.58, Bible S.M. Soc., 30; Sandwich, 66.56; Troy Grove, Jr. C.E., 5; Waltham, 5, 159.86

PEORIA.—Astoria, 1.50; Canton, 32.60, Pr. off., 66.19, Little Owls, 39.63; Chase, French Grove Ch., 5, (5*); Deer Creek, 10; Delavan, 13.30, Pr. off., 10.25, S.S., 7.05; Dunlap, 19.75; Eden, Salem Ch., 6.60; Elmwood, 15.85, (2.55*); Elmira, 7.40, Pr. off., 51.57, Temple Builders, 11, 01, C.E., 6.25; Eureka, 27; Farmington, 15, Jr. C.E., 3; Galesburg, 9.95, (7*), C.E., 15; Green Valley, 6.25, Pr. off., 7, Rural Gleaners, 9; Ipava, 46.37, (4*), Gleaners, 15; Knoxville, 10.55, (3*), C.E., 10.10*, Whatsoever Bd., 35; Lewistown, 14.23, Pr. off., 16.50; Oneida, 21.25; Peoria, 1st, 23.55, Pr. off., 122.85, E.R. Edwards Bd., 8.11, Little Lights, 2.65, Mem'l, Charlie and Willie Johnston, 8.60; 2d, 12.10, Pr. off., 41, Mrs. Elizabeth Griswold, 100, S.S., 4.05; Calvary Ch., 14.15, Pr. off., 21; Grace Ch., 46.50; Princeville, C.E., 25; Vermont, 1.75, (1*), Pr. off., 1; Washington, 15.35; Yates City, 5.83, Pr. off., 26.38, (2*), S.S., 3.40, C.E., 4.72, 1,087.39

PETOSKEY.—Boyne City, 1; Cadillac, 9.25, C.E., 2.50; Clam Lake, 90 cts.; Lake City, 4; Harbor Springs, 2; Mackinac City, 10.81; Petoskey, 19.61; Taverse City, 14.92, 64.99

PUEBLO.—Alamosa, 7.60*, Pr. off., 4.05; Canon City, 7.50; Colorado Springs, 1st, 42.91, Pr. off., 24.90, (25*), 2d, 2.50, Jr. C.E., 5; Durango, 2.30; El Moro, 3.30, Pr. off., 3; Florence, 3.55; Monte Vista, 3.75; Pueblo, 1st, 14.21, S.S., 3, C.E., 2.52; Mesa Ch., 22.84, Pr. off., 18.41, (2*), Y.L.S., 10, (5*), Busy Bee Bd., 12.55; Fountain Ch., 7, (3.1*), Westm'r Ch., 6.25; Rocky Ford, 1.78, 244.02

RED RIVER.—Crookston, 4.10; Fergus Falls, Th. off., 18; Hallock, 9.73, (3.85*); Moorhead, 6, (3*); Warren, 6.55, (2*), 58.23

SOUTHERN DAKOTA.—Bridgewater, 4, Prairie Gleaners, 7; Canton, 7.90; Hurley, Harmony Ch., 6; Kimball, 5.10; Parker, 8.21; Parkston, 1.63; Sioux Falls, 4.55, (5.90*), C.E., 4.06, Jr. C.E., 70 cts.; White Lake, 1, 56.05

ST. CLOUD.—Harrison, 5; Litchfield, 22, (14*), St. Cloud, 18, (4*), C.E., 4.36; Willmar, 6*, Jr. C.E., 5, 78.46

ST. PAUL.—St. Paul, 1st, 7.10, C.E., 5; Central Ch., 21.52, Y.W., 26, C.E., 25, Boys' Brigade, 10; 9th, 2.67, (3.73*), C.E., 7, (4.10*), S.S., 3*; Dayton Ave. Ch., C.E., 18; Bethlehem Ch., 25; Merriam Pk., Wayside Gleaners, 6.07; N. St. Paul, S.S., 1; Warrendale, Bd., 3.50; East Ch., Cheerful Workers, 5; Goodrich Ave. Ch., 24.91; House of Hope Ch., 164.06, Adult B. Cl., 13.81; Red Wing, 46 St. Croix Falls, 7.90, 430.37

SCHUYLER.—Bushnell, 43.50; Camp Point, 12; Clayton, 5; Elderville, Wythe Ch., 21.14, Bd., 14; Elvaston, 54.67; Hersman, 13.19; Macomb, 10; Ebenezer Ch., 7; Monmouth, 87.93; Mt. Sterling, 40.46; Niota, Appanose Ch., 4; Perry, 21, S.S., 6; Good Hope, Mrs. J. M. Painter, 20, 359.89

UTAH.—Evanston, 6.40, (1.40*); Mt. Pleasant, 6.70; Salt Lake City, 3d, 4; Springville, 1.10, 19.60

VINCENNES.—Petersburg, Mrs. Brashear, Persia, 10, 00.00*

WHITEWATER.—Aurora, 8.46; College Corner, 10.57; Connersville, 20; Greensburg, 133.51, S.S., 3; Carson Mem'l S.S., 1,087.39

2, 68, (5*), Jr. C.E., 1.85; Kingston, 59.60, C.E., 1.64; Knightstown, 11.85; Lawrenceburgh, 4.55; Liberty, 7.37, (2*); Mt. Carmel, 10.75; Richmond, 63.77, (10*); Rising Sun, 6; Rushville, 28.05, C.E., 6.25; Shelbyville, 81.60, (12*), Golden Rule Circle, 3; Pby 1st of 25*, 547.50
 WINNEBAGO.—Appleton, 45, C.E., 2, Bd., 3; Auburndale, 4; Merrill, 5; Marshfield, 12.50, (2.50*), Bd., 1.15; Neenah, W.C.A., 90, C.E., 25; Oshkosh, 3.23*; Oconto, 5, (50 cts.*), C.E., 40; Stevens Pt., 26.07, C.E., 2.50; Weyauwega, 3.90, (3*), 274.35
 WINONA.—Austin, 1.02, S.S., 2.15, Loyal Workers, 12 cts.; Chatfield, 24.50, S.S., 12.45; Claremont, 20; Fremont, 3.50; Kasson, 7; Leroy, 7.80; Owatonna, 12.50; Preston, S.S., 2.10; Rochester, 28.25, C.E., 25; Washington, 16; Winona, 4, 166.39

MISCELLANEOUS.—Chicago, B. Levenson, 5; Putnam, Ill., Susan M. Vail, 5; Interest on Shantung Fund, Mrs. Lyman Marshall, 24; by sale of a Brief Record, 6 cts.; Miss E. C. P., (5*); Mrs. Wm. Blair, 10; Canon City, Col., 10; Weyauwega, Wis., 1; Marshfield, Wis., Mrs. Merner, 1; Minneapolis, Minn., 1st, Primary Cl., 12, 73.60

Total for month, \$13,805.33
 Total receipts since April 20, 1895, \$56,186.65

MRS. C. B. FARWELL, Treas.,

Chicago, March 20, 1896. Room 48, McCormick Block.

Receipts of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church for March, 1896.

BINGHAMTON.—Afton, 23; Bainbridge, 4.10; Binghamton, Immanuel, 5.50, Jr. C.E., 5; 1st, 157.50, Bd., 20, S.S., Intermediate, 10; North, 35, S.S., Home Dept., 6.50; West, 25; Conklin, 12; Cortland, 63.75, Christmas off, (2.17, Y.L.S., 7, Sunbeam Bd., 8; Coventry, 18; Deposit, 10; McGrawville, 26.87, C.E., 5.55; Marathon, 55; Nineveh, 11; Owego, 35; Smithville Flats, 25; Union, 15.50; Waverly, 1st, 19.70, C.E., 10; Whitney's Point, 15; Windsor, 3, \$623.14

BOSTON, MASS.—Boston, 1st, 55.20, Y.L.S., 42.50; Scotch, 20; Brockton, 5; East Boston, Y.L.S., 20; Houlton, Me., 5, Heream-I Bd., 10, Jr. C.E., 10; Litchfield, N. H., 7; Lonsdale, R. I., 5; Manchester, N. H., 5; Newburyport, 1st, 45, S.S., 37.69; Portland, Me., 5; Providence, R. I., 20, Quincy, 5.35; Roxbury, 27.09; Somerville, 15; South Boston, Mary M. Deal Fund, 10; South Ryegate, Vt., 11; Woonsocket, R. I., 1.88, 408.11

BROOKLYN.—Brooklyn, Arlington Ave., 1.75; Bethany, 25.40; Central, C. P. Bd., 5, Little Workers, 5, Jr. C.E., 5; City Park Chapel, 2.43; Cheerful Givers, 17.44; Woman's Meeting, 1.53; Jr. C.E., 2.50; Classon Ave., 46.03, P. off., 57, Mrs. J. W. Hollenback, 50, Ed., 25, S.S., 100; Cumberland St., 14.58; Duryea, 14.28, S.S., 46; 1st, 14, Mrs. G. H. Southard, 50, Y.L.S., 50, S.S., 25, Franklin Ave., 6.25; Grace, Bd., 10, Boys' Bd., 1.47, S.S., 10; Greene Ave., 9.74, Maud Murray Bd., 10; Lafayette Ave., 235.36; Mem'l, 133.46, Y.L.S., special, 50, Girls' P.d., 5.90, S.S., 15.57; Mt. Olivet, 12.25; Noble St., 47.80, S.S., Home Dept., 10; Prospect Heights, 68.46, S.S., 10; Ross St., 19.69, C. E., 25; 2d, 16.84, Japan Cir., 50, Cheerful Workers, 10, South 3d St., 64.16, Trochar Ave., 150.78, Y.L.S., 32.09, Girls' Bd., 5.84, Helping Hand Cir., 1; Westm'r, Y. L. Guild, 7, Jr. C.E., 7; Stapleton, S. I., 1st, 14.58, Earnest Workers, 5, Jr. C.E., 3.81; West New Brighton, S. I., Calvary, 42, Bd., 2.50, S.S., 25; Woodhaven, L. I., 19.50, 1,695.99

BUFFALO.—Buffalo, Bethany, 75, Lazarus Club, 10, Mary and Martha Bd., 50; Bethlehem, 3, Gleaner's Bd., 5.45; Calvary, 62.13; Central, 67.50, King's Daughters, 5, S.S., 25, C.E., 2.50, Jr. C.E., 8; Ch. of the Covenant, 10; East, 24.50, 1st, 380; Lafayette St., 20; North, 231.75, Y.P.S., 30, M. K. Van Duzee Bd., 46.27; Park, 16, Bethesda Bd., 10.75; Walden Ave., 2; West Ave., 46.66; Westm'r, 6.25, W. Workers, 3.20; Clarence, 14.50; Conewango, 2.60; Dunkirk, 42.50; East Aurora, 28.88; Franklinville, 10, Jr. C.E., 5; Fredonia, 74; Jamestown, 50; Kenmore, 1; Ocean, 42, Tr. C. of King's Daughters, 6.50; 1 Portville, 40, Y.L.S., 35; Sherman, 22; Silver Creek, 6.61, Springville, 25; Westfield, 60, 1,606.49

CAYUGA.—Auburn, Calvary, Y.P.S., 10; Central, 13.66; 1st, Y.P.S., 5; 2d, C.E., 25; Westm'r, 11.87; Cayuga, 6.30; Five Corners, 6.06; Port Byron, 16; Scipioville, 5; Union Springs, 15; Weedsport, 21.25, 180.14

CHEMUNG.—Elmira, North, 3.21; Watkins, 39.11, 42.32
 EBENEZER, KY.—Ashland, 25, Bd., 15; Covington, 113.81, Y. L.S., 31, King's Stars, 10, Stella May Ernst Mem'l, 10, Sunshine, 10, Jr. C.E., 3.75; Dayton, 6; Flemingsburg, 17.23, Y.L.S., 5; Frankfort, 25; Lexington, 2d, 60, P. off., 10.99, Lucas Bd., 1.48, P. off., 5.47, Light Bearers, 5.25; Mt. Sterling, 3.76; Newport, Y.L.S., 24; Paris, 43.80, Golden Rule Bd., 4.50, Light Bearers, 25 cts.; Sharpsburg, Little Workers, 20; Williamstown, 6.13, 457.52

GENESEE.—Attica, 9.30; Batavia, 103.41, P. off., 60.85, Little Red Bag Fund, 17.26, Acorn Bd., 14.39, S.S., 40, S.S. Miss. Bd., 24.87; Bergen, 20, Busy Bees, 6.57; Byron, 31; Castile, 10.14, L. R. B. Fund, 1; Corfu, 10; East Pembroke, 10, Light Bearers, 12; Elba, 22; Le Roy, 86; North Bergen, 13.81; Perry, 35, L.R.B. Fund, 4, S.S., 35; Stone Church, 30, May Blossom Bd., 20.50; Warsaw, 55, L.R.B. Fund, 7.50, Y.W.S., 29.43, L.R.B. Fund, 6; Wyoming, 21.58, L.R.B. Fund, 3, 739.63

GENEVA.—Bellona, 5, Lend a Hand Soc., 5, Pearl Seekers, 1; Geneva, 1st and North, 7.30; North, Jr. C.E., 7; Gorham, 15; Hall's Corners, Shining Lights, 7; Naples, King's Daughters, 5; Ovid, 28; Penn Yan, 10, Cheerful Givers, 7.50; Phelps, 40; Romulus, 24.28; Seneca, 80.82; Seneca Castle, Boys' Hd., 4.50; Seneca Falls, 36; Stanley, Wide-Awake Bd., 12.23; West Fayette, 6, 311.63

HUDSON.—Amity, 7; Blauvelt, 4.35; Cochecton, 9; Congers, Mrs. J. S. Gilmore, 5; Goshen, 50.34, Y.L.S., 28; Hamptonburgh, 22.50; Hopewell Ch., 5; Middletown, 1st, 50; 2d, 75, Jr. C.E., 5; Milford, Pa., 6.60, C.E., 6.18; Monroe, 8, S.S., 17; Monticello, 14; Otisville, 3.23; Port Jervis, 29.21, Jr. C.E., 2; Ramapo, 11.70, Hillburn S.S., 100; Ridgebury, 19.45; West

Town, 23.80, 502.36
 LONG ISLAND.—Amagansett, Bd., 6.37; Bellport, C.E., 2.50; Bridgehampton, 12.55, Little Givers, 8; East Hampton, 12.50; Greenport, 36.50; Mattituck, 15.60; Middle Island, 37.59, Longwood Bd., 12; Moriches, 20.48; Sag Harbor, 20; Setauket, 5.50, Busy Bees, 5; Southampton, 24.86; Southold, 15.50, "Southold," 10; Westhampton, 12.50, Wide-Awake Bd., 4; Yaphank, 6.58, S.S., 4, 272.03

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Louisville, Calvary, 9.50; College St., 54, Children's Bd., 10; Covenant, 22.50; 4th, 17.97; Warren Mem'l, Y. L. Cl., 15, S.S., 75; Owensboro, 7, S.S., 11.70; Pewee Valley, 18; Princeton, 16, Hawthorne Bd., 20; Shelbyville, 12, 298.67

LYONS.—Clyde, 55, S.S., 7.30; East Palmyra, 16.56, Gleaner's Bd., 13; Fairville, 3.50; Junius, 8.20; Newark, 19.07, Y.L. Guild, 33.12, Cameron Rd., 60; Palmyra, 15.21; Sodus, 18.60; Williamson, 5.50; Wolcott, 33, 308.00

MORRIS AND ORANGE, N. J.—Morristown, 1st, 203; South St., 150, 350.00

NASSAU.—Astoria, 18.47; Far Rockaway, 18.50, Bd., 17.50; Freeport, 24; Glen Wood, 1; Hempstead, 25; Huntington, 1st, 39, Y.L.S., 3.25, Willing Workers, 1.27; 2d, 12, Ed., 4.67; Islip, 17.50, P. off., 16; Jamaica, 100, Newtown, 5.83; Northport, 4.50; Oyster Bay, 10.50; Roslyn, 5; Smithtown, 15, P. off., 9.50; Springfield, 4.50, 352.09

NEW YORK.—New York, Adams Mem'l, 15; Bethany, 11; Brick, 332.72, Y.W.S., 59.07; Calvary, 33.70; Central, Jr. C.E., special, 18, Mizpah Chapel, 5; Christ Ch., 15; Ch. of the Puritans, Puritan Guild, 50; Fifth Ave., 835, Y.L. Branch, 730, Romeyn Chapel, Mother's Meeting, 5; First Union, 15.75; Fourteenth St., C.E., 7, Jr. C.E., 10; 4th, 100, C.E., 13, Fourth Ave., 137, Y.L. Bd., 68.16; Harlem, 100, Helping Hand P.d., 10; Lenox, P. off., 4.68; Madison Ave., 270; Madison Sq., 683; North, 10; Olivet Chapel S.S., King's Daughters, 15, Miss. Ass'n, 40; Rutgers, Riverside, King's Messengers, 20; Scotch, 175; Spring St., 25; Thirtieth St., 13; University Pl., 1,000, Light Bearers, 35, Boys' Soc., 25, Bethlehem Chapel S.S., 50, Emmanuel Chapel, Friends, 42.15; Washington Heights, 75; West End, Nimble Fingers, 15; Westm'r, 30, Y.L.S., 10; a friend, 25; Mrs. Rossier's Bible Cl., 30, 1,722.23

NIAGARA.—Albion, 41.50, Hoskins Cir., special, 15; Holley, 22.50; Knowlesville, 5; Lewiston, 1; Lockport, Calvary, 5, Willing Workers, 2; 1st, 34; 2d, 6.75; Lyndonville, 12; Mapleton, 4.89; Medina, 27.50, Golden Links, 5; Middleport, 1.54; Niagara Falls, 1st, 12; North Tonawanda, 9; Cheerful Workers, 3.70; Wilson, 11.20; Wright's Corners, 2; Youngstown, 7; Little Light Bearers, 1.75, 230.33

NORTH RIVER.—Cold Spring, 6.15; Willing Workers, 7.40; Cornwall, Canterbury, 25; Highland Falls, 11.50; Marlborough, 32.30; Matteawan, 32.76; New Hamburg, 50.50; Poughkeepsie, 141; Pine Plains, 109; Rondout, 12.50; Salt Point, 7.48, 336.59

OSwego.—Buel, 3.85; Cherry Valley, 10; Cooperstown, 22.50; Delhi, 1st, 48.76; 2d, 32.94; Gilbertsville, 15.35; Hobart, 6.85; Margaretville, 9; Middlefield Centre, 3; Oneonta, 13.75; Richfield Springs, 25; Springfield, 18.53; Stamford, 47.50, 257.03

ROCHESTER.—Avon, Central 1; 1st, 13; Brighton, 49.15, Gould Bd., 7.50; Brockport, 45.44; Caledonia, 40, Y.L.S., 20, Cheerful Workers, 8; Chili, 5.50; Fowlerville, 18.50; Gates, 10, C.E., 25; Genesee Village, Y.L.S., 64; Groveland, Y.L.S., 5; Honeoye Falls, 2.50; Livonia, 5; Mendon, 5, "Do What You Can" Bd., 3; Mt. Morris, 26.78, Primary S.S., 1.63; Nunda, 13.50; Ogden, 28, Jr. C.E., 5, Rochester, Brick, 75; Calvary, 25; Central, 20, Y.L.S., 33, in mem. Miss Annie Hamilton, 25; Emmanuel, 1st, 2.65, estate of Julia Adams, 25; Grace, 4.56; Mem'l, 27, King's Messengers, 75; Mt. Hor Ch., 13.32, Bd., 35.85, S.S., 10; North, 100; St. Peters, 100, Emily Chumasero Bd., 2; 3d, 86.48, Y.L.S., 25; Westm'r, 52.10, Y.L.S., 5.70, Primary S.S., 25; Sparta, 1st, 57.10; 2d, 9; Victor, 51.78; Webster, 8.45, 1,720.49

ST. LAWRENCE.—Adams, 17.55; Canton, 12.50; Carthage, 16; De Kalb, 4; Gouverneur, 30; Hammond, 10.57, Jr. C.E., 5; Morristown, 23.50; Ogdensburg, Oswegatchie 1st, 166, Y.L.S., 25, S.S., 40; Oswegatchie 2d, 18.88; Ox Bow, 32; Potsdam, 15; Sackett's Harbor, 8.50; Waddington, 1st, 45; Scotch, 21.75; Watertown, 1st, 76, a friend, 2, S.S., 18.20; Stone St., 1.43, 622.88

STUBEN.—Addison, 30, Y.L.S., 20; Almond, 7; Andover, 6.37; Angelica, 2; Arkport, 15; Bath, 45; Campbell, 15; Cani-

steo, 100, C.E., 25; Cohocton, 2.50; Corning, 40, Y.L.S., 20; Busy Bee Bd., 8; Cuba, 5; Hammondsp. 20, King's Daughters, 10; Hornellsville, 18.59; Howard, 7; Jasper, 5; Painted Post, 20; Prattsville, 20; Pulteney, 10, 451.70
 SYRACUSE.—Amboy, 25, Y.P. Cir., 5; Baldwinsville, 61.55; Willing Workers, 5; Camillus, 6; Canastota, 10, Y.P. Cir., 20, Jr. C.E., 10; Constantia, 6.50; East Syracuse, 21.78; Fayetteville, 23; Y.L. Cir., 15; Brightside Bd., 3.55; Fulton, 39; Liverpool, 15; Manlius, 4; Marcellus, 9.65; Thorburn Cir., 26, C.E., 12; Onondaga Valley, 15; Oswego, 1st, 9; Grace, 35.36; Skaneateles, 86; Do-what-you-can Bd., 14; Syracuse, East Genesee St., 9; 1st, 35.41; Fobes Bd., 50; Hudson Bd., 50, S.S., 40.17; First Ward, 49.13; 1th, 192.90; Jr. Standard Bearers, 25, S.S., 67.50, Christmas off, 40, C.E., 60; Mem'l, 12, Y.P.S., 20, S.S. Primary, 5; Park, 19, .01, Y.L.S., 18.06; Westm'r, 10; White-law, 6, 5, 1, 358.37
 TRANSYLVANIA, Ky.—Danville, 2d, 10, Little Gleaners, 25, Little Light Bearers, 1; East Bernstadt, Livingston and Pittsburg, 5; Lebanon, 1st, 3, 44.00
 UTAH.—Clinton, 10, Y.L.S., 25, Jr. C.E., 5; Holland Patent, Jr. C.E., 5.25; Illion, 40; Willing Workers, 10.14; Knoxboro, 23, Hallie Bd., 5; Little Falls, 15; Th. off., 22.78, S.S., 25; Lyons Falls, 30, S.S., 11.04; New Hartford, 75.14, freight, 2; Wide-Awake Bd., 25, S.S., 25; New York Mills, Mrs. Wm. D. Walcott, 25, Y.L. Soc., 50; Oneida, 35, King's Messengers, 5; Oneida Castle, 45.40; Oriskany, Busy Bees, 2; Rome, 60; Sauquoit, 10; Turin, 12; Utica, Bethany, 25, Miss Gilbert, 20; 1st, 115, Mrs. Goldthwaite, 200, Mrs. J. H. Williams, 25, Mrs. R. S. Williams, 5, friends, 25, Y.L.S., 5; Backman Bd., 15; Do Good Bd., 10, S.S., 25; Mem'l, 66.07, C.E., 10; Olivet, 20.55, Mrs. Parker's Cl., 2; Mrs. Stone's Cl., 3; Westm'r, 60, friends, 25; Fisher Soc., 100.25; Brown Bd., 55, S.S., 25; Vernon, 10.50; Vernon Centre, 7; West Camden, 15; Westerville, 10, 1,937.82

Receipts of the Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest for the Month Ending March 24, 1896.

CIMARRON.—Anadarko, 3; Chickasha, 6.30, \$9.30
 EMPORIA.—Argonia, 4.17; Arkansas City, 3.18; Belle Plaine, 4.47; Burlingame, 5; Burlington, 4.21; Council Grove, 24.57; Derby, 10.31; Morning Stars, 1.21; El Dorado, 5; Emporia, Arundel, 3, C.E., 2.07; Florence, 16; Gueda Springs, 2.50; Howard, S.S., 3, C.E., 2; Madison, 4, C.E., 1.47; Mulvane, 2; New Salem, 2.40; Newton, S.S., 10.64; Osage City, 8.10; Peabody, 2.43; Sedan, 5; Walnut Valley, 1.63; Wellington, 21.12, C.E., 25; Wichita, 1st, 47.90, Y.L.M.L., 4.41, Jr. C.E., 2; West Side, 12; Winfield, 11.80; Mrs. E. V. Schriver, 2.50; Mrs. C. T. McClung, 10, 284.63
 KANSAS CITY.—Appleton City, 2.45; Bethany Bd., 4.55; Frownington, 1.16; Butler, Girls' M. C., 8.50; Clinton, 12.50; Creighton, O.B.M.S., 3.75; Deepwater, 6.50; Holden, 15, Jr. C.E., 2.50; Independence, 40.20; Kansas City, 37.98, Rays of Light, 70.11, S.S., 48, Primary S.S., 15; 2d, 41.55; 3d, 14.33; 5th, 5.50; Knobnoster, 8.98; Lowry City, 4.50; Sedalia, Broad-

WESTCHESTER.—Bedford, 7.50; Brewsters, 7; Bridgeport, Ct., 71.10, Bd., 3; Carmel, 16; Dobbs Ferry, 15, Y.L.S., 50; Greenwich, Ct., 13.66; Hartford, Ct., 10; Katonah, 6; Mahopac Falls, 3; Mt. Kisco, 1; Mt. Vernon, Bd., 15.50; New Haven, Ct., 10.20; New Rochelle, 1st, 52, 2d, 18.75, Bd., 2.50; Patterson, 6.07; Peekskill, 1st, 100, Jr. C.E., 5; 1st and 2d, 62.38, Cheerful Workers, 52.90, Jr. C.E., 7.50; Pelham Manor, 12.50, Rye, 53.53, Missionary Endeavorers, 10, Soldiers of the Cross, 1.77; Sing Sing, 31.58, Bd., 3; South Salem, 61.08; Stamford, Ct., King's Daughters, 30, C.E., 40.15, Jr. C.E., 20, Chinese S.S., 18; Thompsonville, Ct., 27, Jr. C.E., 5; White Plains, 15; Yonkers, Dayspring, 30.65; Immanuel, 1.30; 1st, 45; Westm'r, 27.50, 998.32
 MISCELLANEOUS.—A Friend in Kentucky, 10; Albuquerque, New Mex., 1st, 10; Andover, N. Y., C.E., 21; Brooklyn, N. Y., Westm'r, 8.20; Contribution box at 156 Fifth Ave., 39.31; Florence, Italy, a friend, 25; Friends, 5.60; Interest on Medical Educational Fund, 3.15; Le Roy, N. Y., Miss E. L. Baker, 3; Mecklenburg, N. Y., Mrs. Banker, 5; Miss M. McElroy, Th. off., 15; Morristown, N. J., Miss Dana's School, 70; Mrs. A. I. Bulkeley, 22.50; Mrs. H. B. Munson, 5; Nassau, N. Y., a friend, 4; Newburyport, Mass., 2d, 1.63; S.R.D., 25; Through Miss Habbitt, 35.14; Through Miss Holmes, 226; Washington, D. C., Miss S. P. Rossiter, 1, 867.53
 LEGACY.—N.Y.C., estate of Miss Henrietta Baker, 1,914.52

Total,	\$24,060.89
Total since April 1, 1895,	\$55,871.69

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Receipts of the Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions to March 25, 1896.

BENICIA.—Blue Lake, C.E., 1; Calistoga, Ch. col., 6; Eureka, C.E., 11.10, Jr. C.E., 8.30; Healdsburg, 10; Mendocino, 50; Napa, 17.60; Petaluma, 10, C.E., 5.25; San Rafael, 33.85, C.E., 25; Santa Rosa, 20; Mary Lyon Soc., 15, C.E., 13.85; St. Helena, Ch. col., 10, Crown Winners, 7.50, S.S., 3.10, C.E., 10; Two Rock, Jr. C.E., 5; Vallejo, 15, King's Messengers, 6.85, \$284.40

LOS ANGELES.—Alhambra, 6.75, C.E., 3.60; Anaheim, 7.50; Azusa, 50, Buds of Promise, 4; Ready Helpers, 6, C.E., 4; Ballard, 5; Carpenteria, 2.50; Colton, S.S., 9.07, C.E., 19.44; Coronado, 11.31, Mrs. A. C. Reed's Cl., 16.50; El Monte, 4.50; Elsinore, 6, C.E., 6.25, Jr. C.E., 6; Glendale, 9.50; C.E., 5.19; Inglewood, 5, Jr. C.E., 1.61; Los Angeles, 76.80, Round Table of the King, 15; 2d, 32, Busy Bees, 12.50, C.E., 25, Jr. C.E., 5; 3d, 31.22, C.E., 8.93; Bethany, 16, C.E., 7.50, Jr. C.E., 6.50; Bethesda, 2; Boyle Heights, 26, C.E., 3.50; Central, 13.50, C.E., 14; Grandview, 5, Light Bearers, 1.75, S.S., 3.65, C.E., 25; Immanuel, 305, Mary T. Minor Bd., 12.75, Y.L.S., 25.87, C.E., 87.90, Jr. C.E., 5; Chinese, Morrison Bd., 18; Spanish Sch. Estrellas de la Manana, 5; Monrovia, C.E., 2.50; Montecito, 8.25; National City, 9.93; North Ontario, 5; Ontario, Westm'r, 1.00; Orange, 8.25; Palms, 8; Pasadena, 1st, 135, Kellogg Bd., 6.06, Calvary, 7.35; Pomona, 34.60; Redlands, 19.54, Orange Blossoms, 10, C.E., 5; Riverside, Arlington, 65.29, S.S., 17.15, Jr. C.E., 2.15; Calvary, 20; San Bernardino, 3.50, Jr. C.E., 1; San Diego, 50, S.S., 15; San Pedro, 4.50, Jr. C.E., 6; Santa Ana, 21.70; Santa Barbara, 115, Y.L.S., 25, S.S., 35.76, C.E., 14.55; Chinese, Adams Bd., 10, Benj. Douglass, 60; Santa Monica, 4.87, C.E., 50 cts., S.S., 17.75; Tustin, 9.25, C.E., 6.85; Ventura, 3.62; Westm'r, 8.25, 2,299.06

OAKLAND.—Alameda, 25; Berkeley, 42.82, Busy Bees, 9, C.E., 25; Centerville, 7.30, S.S., 2.10, C.E., 20; Danville, C.E., 1.95; Elmhurst, C.E., 21; Golden Gate, C.E., 5; Haywards, 6.25; Mill's College, Tolman Bd., 60; North Temescal, 6.50, C.E., 3.75, Jr. C.E., 3.30; Oakland, 1st, 472.17, C.E., 50, Jr. C.E., 5; Bethany Mission, Jr. C.E., 1.35; Telegraph Ave., Jr. C.E., 2.50; Brooklyn, 119; Centennial, 8; Union St., 10; Welsh, 2; San Leandro, 2, 910.99

SACRAMENTO.—Chico, 3 Ch. col., 3.85, C.E., 4; Colusa, 8.55, Ch. col., 1.75, C.E., 1.25; Red Bluff, 7.50; Redding, C.E., 1.50; Sacramento, 14th St., 21, C.E., 2.40, Jr. C.E., 5; Westm'r, 37, C.E., 11.23, Jr. C.E., 7.75; Vacaville, 5, C.E., 5, Jr. C.E., 2, Virginia City, Nev., C.E., 3, 130.78

SAN FRANCISCO.—San Francisco, 1st, 122.79, In His Name Soc., 124.26, S.S., 52, Mrs. Ramsey's Cl., 10, Jr. C.E., 2.50, Intermediate Jr. C.E., 2.50; Calvary, 113.75, Jr. C.E., 12.65; Franklin St., 5.75, Stepping Stones, 5.25, S.S., 1.45, C.E., 6.30; Howard, 6.95; Lebanon, 19; Mem'l, 6.40; Mizpah, 10.45; St. John's, 6.35; Trinity, 56.50, Our Little Corner, 20, S.S., 30, C.E., 6.60; Welsh, 6; Westm'r, 38.30, Mattie Nash Bd., 29.50, Infant Cl., 9; Chinese Home, Tong Oke Bd., 14.90, 719.15

SALE JOSE.—Cambria, C.E., 2.10; Cayucos, 7.05; Fairview, C.E., 2.50; Highland, 4; Hollister, Ch. col., 2.65; Los Gatos, 13.75, Y.L.S., 7; Milpitas, C.E., 1.10; Monterey, 1st, 2; San Jose, 1st, 36.75, S.S., 3.90, Jr. C.E., 3.40; 2d, 39.70, Y.L.S., 10; San Luis Obispo, 7, Ch. col., 5.65; Santa Clara, 7.65, Ch. col., 4, S.S., 14, Jr. C.E., 2; Santa Cruz, Ch. col., 5.3; Shandon, Miss K. McMillan, 2; Templeton, Ch. col., 3.15, C.E., 4.90; Watsonville, 11.70, Ch. col., 1.55, 204.80

STOCKTON.—Fowler, 5.50; Fresno, 18.60; Merced, 6.75, C.E., 6.55; Modesto, 4.15, C.E., 2; Oakdale, Mrs. Crawford and sister, 2; Stockton, 34, King's Daughters, 5, C.E., 14.60; Sanger, Ch. col., 2.15; Woodbridge, 1, C.E., 3, Jr. C.E., 1, 106.30

MISCELLANEOUS.—H. C. Coleman, Norristown, Pa., 150; Mrs. Margaret Thomson, Sewickley, Pa., 10; Board rec'd at "Home," 50, 210.00

Total for month,	\$4,865.48
Total for the year,	\$10,212.51
Less returned to Union St. C.E., Oakland,	\$5.00

\$10,207.51

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